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NASHVILLE, TENN., NOV. 21, 1867.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States met, according to appointment, in the First Presbyterian Church in the city of Nashville, Tennessee, on Thursday, the 21st day of November, 1867, at 11 o'clock, a. m., and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. A. H. Kerr, D. D., the Moderator of the last Assembly, on Psalm xlviii. 1 and 14: "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness. For this God is our God forever and ever; he will be our guide even unto death."

After the sermon, the sessions of the Assembly were constituted with prayer.

The Permanent Clerk, from the Committee on Commissions, reported that the following commissioners had appeared, and been regularly enrolled as members of this General Assembly:

I. SYNOD OF ALABAMA.

PRESBYTERIES.	MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.
1. *East Alabama*,	F. McMurray,	
2. *South Alabama*,	H. R. Raymond,	James W. Lapsley.
3. *Tuskaloosa*,	T. S. Winn,	William F. Fulton.

II. SYNOD OF ARKANSAS.

4. *Arkansas*,	T. R. Welch,	
5. *Indian*,		
6. *Ouachita*,	Joseph A. Dickson,	Shelby Currie, (2)

III. SYNOD OF GEORGIA.

7. *Atlanta*,	John Jones,	Langdon Ellis.
8. *Augusta*,	Joseph R. Wilson, D. D.,	E. L. Newton,
9. *Cherokee*,	S. E. Axson,	T. E. Patton.
10. *Florida*,	W. J. McCormick,	W. Letford, (3)
11. *Macon*,	Theo. E. Smith,	
12. *Savannah*,	David H. Porter,	Ezra Stacy.

IV. SYNOD OF MEMPHIS.

13. *Chickasaw*,	F. Patton, (2)	G. G. Reneau.
14. *Memphis*,	A. H. Kerr, D. D.,	
15. *North Mississippi*,	E. C. Davidson.	A. G. Buford,
16. *Tuscumbia*,		
17. *Western District*,	R. C. Garrison,	James M. Johnson.

* The figures appended to the names indicates on what day of the sessions the commissioners first appeared.

V. SYNOD OF MISSISSIPPI.

18. *Central Mississippi*,	W. T. Hall,	P. M. West,
19. *Louisiana*,	J. E. C. Doremus, D. D.,	
20. *Mississippi*,	Robert Price,	
21. *New Orleans*,	T. R. Markham,	Joel Murray,
22. *Red River*,	J. Franklin Ford,	
23. *Tombeckbee*,	J. A. Lyon, D. D.,	C. Bardwell.

VI. SYNOD OF NASHVILLE.

24. *Holston*,	J. D. Tadlock,	R. P. Rhea,
25. *Knoxville*,	James Park,	John P. Long,
26. *Nashville*,	R. A. Lapsley, D. D.,	Charles Ready,
27. *North Alabama*,	W. H. Vernor,	J. W. S. Frierson.

VII. SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

28. *Concord*,	R. Hett Chapman, D. D.,	D. F. Summey,
	J. Rumple, (2)	J. M. Hutchison.
29. *Fayetteville*,	M. McQueen, (3)	P. Murphy,
		J. C. Smith,
30. *Orange*,	F. H. Johnston,	George Allen.

VIII. SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

31. *Bethel*,	James E. White,	James Hemphill,
32. *Charleston*,	John R. Dow,	
33. *Harmony*,	D. C. Boggs,	James McRae,
	J. B. Mack,	G. W. Lee, (2)
34. *South Carolina*,	E. T. Buist, D. D.,	John W. Simpson,
	W. H. Stratton,	John A. Leland.

IX. SYNOD OF TEXAS.

35. *Brazos*,	J. R. Hutchison, D. D.,	
36. *Central Texas*,		W. T. M. Dickson, (4).
37. *Eastern Texas*,		
38. *Western Texas*,		

X. SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

39. *Abingdon*,	Benj. Gildersleeve,	I. A. T. Painter.
40. *East Hanover*,	T. V. Moore, D. D.,	P. P. Batte,
	James Murray,	
41. *Greenbrier*,	James H. Leps,	John Stuart,
42. *Lexington*,	E. D. Junkin,	W. A. Bell,
	W. E. Baker,	
43. *Montgomery*,	J. G. Shepperson,	James R. Holt,
44. *Patapsco*,	J. A. Lefevre,	Thomas Dixon,
45. *Rappahannock*,	Edward H. Cumpston,	G. M. Watkins,
46. *Roanoke*,	B. W. Moseley,	
47. *West Hanover*,	B. M. Smith, D. D.,	James P. Scott, (3)
48. *Winchester*,	James G. Hanner, D. D.	

DELEGATES FROM OTHER CHURCHES.

From the Associate Reformed Synod of the South: Rev. D. Pressly.

From the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church: Rev. A. J. Baird, D. D.

From the Synod of Kentucky: J. T. Hendrick, D. D., John Matthews, D. D., Stuart Robinson, D. D., D. O. Davies, G. O. Barnes. Ruling Elders: Samuel Casseday, E. S. Edmonds, and Glass Marshall.

From the Synod of Missouri: Rev. A. P. Forman.

The Assembly then proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the choice of the Rev. T. V. Moore, D. D., a commissioner from the Presbytery of East Hanover, as Moderator, and of the Rev. J. E. C. Doremus, D. D., a commissioner from the Presbytery of Louisiana, as Temporary Clerk.

A recess was taken until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

After recess, the Stated Clerk reported the following additional commissioners as having arrived and been regularly enrolled, viz.: From the Presbytery of Central Mississippi, P. M. West, ruling elder; from the Presbytery of Chickasaw, G. G. Reneau, ruling elder; from the Presbytery of Brazos, J. R. Hutchison, D. D., minister; from the Presbytery of Cherokee, T. E. Patton, ruling elder; from the Presbytery of Western District, R. C. Garrison, minister, and James M. Johnson, ruling elder; from the Presbytery of Rappahannock, Geo. M. Watkins, ruling elder; from the Presbytery of Orange, George Allen, ruling elder.

The Stated Clerk also presented a memorial from the Presbytery of Patapsco, in the State of Maryland, composed of ministers and churches which had withdrawn from their connexion with the "General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America;" which memorial was read, and is as follows:

Whereas, 1. The ministers and churches of this Presbytery originally dissolved their former ecclesiastical connexion, because of the numerous and persistent violations of the Constitution of the Church by the highest court thereof; and

Whereas, 2. This separation was to continue as long as these violations of the Church's Constitution continued; and

Whereas, 3. There now remains no good ground of hope that the Church of our former connexion will soon return to the old ways—the divine Constitution of the Church, so faithfully set forth in the standards under which we were ordained, and which we solemnly vowed to uphold, and to which we always held ourselves bound; and

Whereas, 4. It was the direction of our churches and sessions to form other ecclesiastical connexions—whenever it became necessary from the perpetuation and establishment of the aforesaid violations—with all Presbyterians who uphold the Constitution of the Church in its purity; and

Whereas, 5. This Presbytery was formed in obedience to this direction of the churches and sessions; and

Whereas, 6. We hold it to be the imperative obligation of all God's people, according to the will of Christ, the sole King in Zion, to manifest the invisible unity of their faith in the unity of a visible Church, as far and as fast as it can be done consistently with the purity of the first, *the essential* unity of the Church of Christ; and

Whereas, 7. We believe that it is now high time to make visible our unity with all the Presbyterian people of God, further than is now done by our union in this Presbytery; and

Whereas, 8. We believe that the Presbyterian Church in the United States, whose General Assembly is to meet in the city of Nashville on the 21st day of November next, is the largest body of Christians in the land whose faith and government are identical with our own and pure according to the standards of the Church: Therefore

"*Resolved*, 1. That the Presbytery of Patapsco appoint, at its present meeting, commissioners to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and order the said commissioners to ask the said Assembly to take Presbytery under its care and government, and to unite Presbytery

with such Synod under the Assembly's jurisdiction as may seem to the Assembly most beneficial to the Church of God in the world.

"*Resolved*, 2. That in seeking this ecclesiastical connexion with the aforesaid Presbyterian Church, we solemnly declare that we are actuated by the one desire to unite with all Christians of like faith with ourselves, ignoring all sectional and political distinctions whatever.

"*Resolved*, 3. That we will greatly rejoice whenever the time shall come when an organic union of all Presbyterians in the land may be effected consistently with the purity of our standards."

Whereupon, it was resolved, on motion of the Rev. Dr. J. R. Wilson, that, in view of this memorial and the certified appointment of commissioners to this body, the said Presbytery of Patapsco be and the same is hereby received into regular connexion with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States; that the commissioners appointed by it be and are hereby received as members of this body, and that the said Presbytery shall be and hereby is attached to the Synod of Virginia as a component part of it.

The Rev. J. A. Lefevre, minister, and Thomas Dixon, ruling elder, having been duly commissioned for that purpose, were then enrolled, and took their seats as members of the Assembly.

It was resolved to spend the last half hour of every morning session in devotional exercises; also, that, until otherwise ordered, the Assembly will meet daily at half-past 9 o'clock a. m., and adjourn at half-past 2 o'clock p. m.

It was made the first order of the day for to-morrow morning to receive presbyterial reports and narratives.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at half-past 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Chapman.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9½ o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Lyon. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The following additional commissioners appeared and were enrolled: From the Presbytery of Harmony, G. W. Lee, ruling elder; from the Presbytery of Ouachita, Shelby Currie, ruling elder; from the Presbytery of Concord, J. Rumple, minister; from the Presbytery of Chickasaw, F. Patton, minister.

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees:

On Bills and Overtures. A. H. Kerr, D. D., B. M. Smith, D. D., J. R. Wilson, D. D., J. D. Tadlock, John Jones, J. A. Lefevre, J. A. Leland, John Stuart, P. M. West.

Judicial Committee. R. A. Lapsley, D. D., David H. Porter, E. D. Junkin, B. Gildersleeve, James Hemphill, P. P. Batte, E. L. Newton.

On Theological Seminaries. J. G. Hamner, D. D., Robert Price, S. E. Axson, James Murray, W. A. Bell, John W. Simpson, John P. Long.

On Sustentation. J. A. Lyon, D. D., W. H. Stratton, E. H. Cumpston, James Park, H. R. Raymond, G. G. Reneau, Thomas Dixon, R. P. Rhea, George W. Lee.

On Foreign Missions. B. M. Smith, D. D., W. J. McCormick, J. G. Shepperson, James E. White, J. Franklin Ford, William F. Fulton, A. G. Buford, James McRae.

On Publication. R. H. Chapman, D. D., James H. Leps, Joseph A. Dickson, Theodore E. Smith, George Allen, Charles Ready, J. R. Holt.

On Education. E. T. Buist, D. D., B. W. Moseley, W. T. Hall, W. H. Vernor, I. A. T. Painter, J. M. Hutchison, J. M. Johnson.

On Narrative. T. R. Markham, D. C. Boggs, F. McMurray, T. E. Patton, C. Bardwell.

On Foreign Correspondence. J. R. Hutchison, D. D., T. S. Winn, J. B. Mack, Joel Murray, P. Murphy.

On Leave of Absence. John R. Dow, E. C. Davidson, G. M. Watkins.

On Systematic Benevolence. T. R. Welch, F. H. Johnston, J. E. C. Doremus, D. D., R. C. Garrison, Langdon Ellis, J. W. S. Frierson, D. F. Summey.

On Devotional Exercises. W. E. Baker, David H. Porter, J. C. Smith.

Committees on Synodical Records:

Alabama. James E. White, E. C. Davidson, G. M. Watkins.

Arkansas. J. Rumple, Robert Price, John A. Leland.

Georgia. J. G. Shepperson, F. Patton, P. Murphy.

Memphis. James Murray, D. C. Boggs, P. M. West.

Mississippi. S. E. Axson, J. H. Leps, John W. Simpson.

Nashville. E. D. Junkin, R. C. Garrison, Langdon Ellis.

North Carolina. T. S. Winn, Theodore E. Smith, W. A. Bell.

South Carolina. B. Gildersleeve, W. J. McCormick, P. P. Batte.

Texas. W. H. Vernor, W. E. Baker, Joel Murray.

Virginia. James Park, W. H. Stratton, Ezra Stacy.

The Committee appointed by the last Assembly to confer with a similar Committee from the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, in reference to an organic union with that body, presented a report, which was read; and the thanks of the Assembly were tendered to said committee for their diligent attention to the duties assigned them in this important trust. The report was referred to a special Committee, consisting of Messrs. B. M. Smith, D. D., J. R. Wilson, D. D., R. Hett Chapman, D. D., E. H. Cumpston, C. Ready, J. Hemphill, and G. W. Lee. The Rev. J. A. Lyon, D. D., a member of the Committee of Conference, having been prevented from meeting with it at the time appointed, addressed a letter to it, which was now read to the Assembly, and referred to the special Committee just named.

The Rev. Dr. J. R. Wilson announced to the Assembly that a delegation to this body from the Synod of Kentucky was present. Whereupon, it was resolved that this delegation be immediately introduced and heard. The following commissioners from that Synod then appeared, bearing a communication to the Assembly, viz.: Rev. J. T. Hendrick, D. D., Rev. J. D. Matthews, D. D., Rev. Stuart Robinson, D. D., Rev. D. O. Davies, Rev. G. O. Barnes, and ruling elders Samuel Casseday, E. S. Edmonds, and Glass Marshall.

The Rev. Stuart Robinson proceeded, in behalf of these commissioners, to address the General Assembly, presenting the views and purposes under which they had been delegated by their Synod.

At the close of this address, it was resolved that the subject presented, together with the communications handed in by the commissioners, be referred to a special Committee of nine. This Committee was appointed, to consist of the Rev. James A. Lyon, D. D., Rev. R. Hett Chapman, D. D., Rev. J. R. Wilson, D. D., Rev. John Jones, Rev. T. R. Markham, Rev. J. A. Lefevre, with ruling elders

P. P. Batte, James Hemphill, John A. Leland. It was also resolved that the commissioners from the Synod of Kentucky be requested to meet with this Committee for conference.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning, at 11 o'clock, to receive the reports of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions.

A letter was received from T. C. Perrin, Esq., signifying his wish to decline a reëlection to the office he held as a Director of the Theological Seminary at Columbia, which letter was referred to the Committee on Theological Seminaries.

Certain overtures and memorials were presented on various subjects, which, being read by their titles, were referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Reports from Presbyteries, in answer to the overture concerning the Book of Order sent down by the last General Assembly, were referred to a Committee, consisting of Joseph R. Wilson, D. D., R. A. Lapsley, D. D., J. G. Hamner, D. D., W. J. McCormick, John R. Dow, James E. White, and T. Dixon.

The matter of arranging for the inauguration of the Rev. Dr. Plumer as Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology in the Theological Seminary at Columbia, was referred to the Committee on Theological Seminaries.

A letter was received from the Rev. James N. Carothers, alternate delegate to the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, stating the causes which had prevented his performing the duty assigned; which reasons the Assembly accepted as satisfactory.

The Assembly then proceeded to appoint the place and time of the meeting of the next General Assembly. Whereupon it was unanimously resolved that it shall be held in the Franklin Street Presbyterian Church, in the city of Baltimore, on the third Thursday in May, 1868, at 11 o'clock a. m.

In view of the change in the time of the meeting of the next Assembly, the Presbyteries were directed to send up to that Assembly only half-yearly reports.

After half an hour spent in devotional exercises, conducted by the Moderator, the Assembly adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at half-past 9 o'clock. Closed with the apostolic benediction.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9½ o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. B. Gildersleeve.

The following additional commissioners were announced and enrolled: From the Presbytery of West Hanover, James P. Scott, ruling elder; from the Presbytery of Florida, W. Letford, ruling elder; from the Presbytery of Fayetteville, M. McQueen, minister.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported back Overture No. 1, from East Hanover Presbytery, and it was referred to the Committee on Systematic Benevolence.

A resolution having been adopted to hear the report of the Execu-

tive Committee of Education, the annual report of said Committee was read by the Secretary, Rev. E. T. Baird, D. D. He presented also the report of the Treasurer and the records of the Committee. All of these documents were referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

It was made the order of the day for Monday morning, at 11 o'clock, to hear the annual report of the Executive Committee of Publication.

The special Committee to which was referred the report of the Committee of Conference with a Committee of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, in reference to an organic union between the two bodies, made a report, which was received, and was then unanimously adopted. This report is as follows:

The Committee to which was referred the report of the Committee of Conference with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, report, for adoption by the Assembly, the following minute:

The Assembly hereby records its devout acknowledgment to the great Head of the Church for the manifest tokens of his presence with the Committees of Conference during their deliberations, as evinced by the spirit of Christian candor, forbearance, and love, displayed by both parties in their entire proceedings.

The Assembly regards the object for which that Committee was appointed as one fully worthy of the earnest endeavors and continued prayers of God's people in both branches of the Church represented in the Committee. But at the same time, it is compelled, in view of the terms for effecting any organic union suggested by the Committee of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, to declare, that, regarding the present period as one very unfavorable for making changes in our standards of faith and practice, it is more especially so for effecting changes so materially modifying the system of doctrine which has for centuries been the distinguishing peculiarity and the eminent glory of the Presbyterian churches both of Europe and the United States.

Resolved, That the entire documents submitted to the Assembly by the Committee be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes of the Assembly.

The following report from the Committee on Bills and Overtures was received:

The Committee report Overture No. 2, being a request from the Presbytery of Memphis to have the Committee of Education again located at the city of Memphis, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Assembly cannot approve of the change desired.

It was made the order of the day for Monday morning, at 10 o'clock, to hear the Rev. D. Pressly, the delegate from the Associate Reformed Synod of the South; and the order of the day for Tuesday morning, at 10 o'clock, to hear the Rev. A. J. Baird, D. D., the delegate from the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

The hour for the order of the day having arrived, the Rev. Dr. J. Leighton Wilson presented the annual report of the Executive Committee of Sustentation; also, a code of by-laws adopted by the Committee; and also the report of the Treasurer, Rev. James Woodrow: all of which were referred to the Standing Committee on Sustentation.

Dr. Wilson presented also the annual report of the Executive

Committee of Foreign Missions; also the report of the Treasurer, Rev. James Woodrow; both of which were referred to the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made a report, which was approved.

The Stated Clerk, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, made a report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report, that in order to meet the expenses of the Assembly, they recommend the following schedule of assessments:

1. The following Presbyteries shall be assessed in the sum of twenty-five dollars each:

East Alabama, South Alabama, Augusta, Memphis, Central Mississippi, Mississippi, New Orleans, Concord, Fayetteville, Orange, Harmony, South Carolina, East Hanover, Lexington, Montgomery, Roanoke, West Hanover, Nashville, Atlanta.

2. The following Presbyteries shall be assessed in the sum of twenty dollars each:

Tuskaloosa, Tombeckbee, North Alabama, Bethel, Western District, Charleston, Greenbrier, Winchester, Macon, Abingdon, Patapsco, Louisiana.

3. The following Presbyteries shall be assessed ten dollars each:

Arkansas, Ouachita, Cherokee, Florida, Chickasaw, Savannah, North Mississippi, Tuscumbia, Holston, Red River, Rappahannock.

4. The following Presbyteries shall be assessed five dollars each:

Indian, Knoxville, Western Texas, Brazos, Central Texas, Eastern Texas.

The Committee likewise recommend that the published Minutes of the Assembly shall be furnished, by the Stated Clerk, to all who shall desire the same, for the sum of fifty cents, and to all stated clerks of Presbyteries, gratis.

Upon the recommendation of the Committees appointed, the records of the Synod of Georgia and of the Synod of Memphis were approved as far as written. The records of the Synods of Arkansas, Mississippi, and Texas, not being present, the Committees were discharged.

The Rev. Dr. Hamner, from the Standing Committee on Theological Seminaries, presented a report, which was adopted. The report is as follows:

The Committee on Theological Seminaries report to the Assembly, that they have examined the papers placed in their hands from the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C.

The reports of the Board of Directors and of the Faculty, and the accounts of the Treasurer, show that that institution has been in successful operation through the year; that the Rev. Dr. Plumer reached the Seminary on the 16th of January last, and commenced his duties on the following day; that the number of students in the institution is 21; that their progress in the acquisition of theological knowledge, and the tone of piety among them, are such as greatly to cheer and encourage the professors in their labors; that the advantages of that school of the prophets are many—in the refined society around it, in the healthfulness of its location, in its ready accessibility for students from every portion of our Church, and in its library of more than 18,000 well chosen volumes; and that there has been an addition of $16,073.24 to the funds, as invested according to the report of last year.

It is very painful, however, to know that the expenses of the institution are pressing and hard to meet. The deficiency for the year closed is $4,044.93. The prospective means and wants for the coming year will be still more urgent, unless that part of the Church more specially interested in its prosperous suc-

cess shall promptly redeem the pledges recently made, and God shall give it favor with the friends of sound and extended theological learning elsewhere.

The Committee recommend that the reports of the Board of Directors and of the Faculty, and the Treasurer's accounts, be published, as heretofore, in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The Hon. T. C. Perrin having declined re-election as Director in the Seminary, the Committee recommend that the thanks of this Assembly be tendered him for his long and faithful services in this position; and nominate to the Assembly, to fill his vacated place, Gen. James Gillam.

They also recommend that the inauguration of Rev. Dr. Plumer, as Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology in said school, take place in this house on next Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock; that the Moderator receive the professor's subscription to the Constitution; that Dr. James A. Lyon be appointed to deliver the charge to the professor; and that then the professor deliver his inaugural; the whole services to be interspersed with such devotional services as the Moderator may direct.

To this report the Committee append two resolutions for the adoption of the Assembly:

Resolved, 1. That the thanks of this General Assembly, and of all the churches whose interest it represents, are due to the great Head of the Church for his kind and gracious providential provisions to meet the varied wants and necessities of this institution; and that the experience of his faithfulness in times and trials past, commands our confident trust in him to provide for all her wants in all the future.

2. That this General Assembly earnestly repeats the recommendations of the Assembly of 1866, to the friends and patrons of the Seminary, to continue, and, if feasible, augment their contributions to sustain and bear it forward in active operation through the coming year.

They re-nominate for Directors of the Columbia Theological Seminary: Henry Muller, Columbia, S. C., *Treasurer*. Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D. D., Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D., Rev. Wm. Banks, Rev. William Flinn, Rev. R. K. Porter, Rev. D. McQueen, Rev. A. F. Dickson, Gen. James Gillam, Mr. J. A. Ansley, and Dr. J. W. Simpson.

No papers from the Union Seminary have been placed in the hands of your Committee.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported Overture No. 3, being a response to an overture from the Synod of South Carolina, in regard to appointing a day of fasting and prayer. The following resolution, recommended by the Committee, was adopted:

Resolved, That this Assembly recommend the 24th day of January, 1868, as a day of fasting and prayer, and urge upon all our churches, in view of the extraordinary distress of God's people in this land, to observe said day by suitable religious exercises.

The hour for the order of the day for hearing the report of the Executive Committee of Publication having been reconsidered, the Rev. Dr. E. T. Baird, Secretary of Publication, read the annual report, together with the report of the Treasurer, Mr. Charles Gennet; both of which, together with the records of the Committee, were referred to the Standing Committee on Publication.

The Rev. Dr. Smith, from the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions, presented a report, which was received, and was under consideration until the hour for devotional exercises arrived.

After a season spent in worship, conducted by the Rev. Dr. Plumer, the Assembly adjourned to meet on Monday morning, at half-past 9 o'clock. Closed with the apostolic benediction.

MONDAY MORNING, 9½ o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. E. H. Cumpston. The minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

Mr. W. T. M. Dickson, ruling elder from the Presbytery of Central Texas, was reported and enrolled.

The consideration of the unfinished business was resumed, being the report of the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions. This report, being amended, was adopted, and is as follows:

The Standing Committee on Foreign Missions, to which was referred the report of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, present for adoption by the Assembly the following minute:

Resolved, 1. That the Assembly approves the diligence of the Executive Committee, and directs the publication of the annual report in pamphlet form.

2. That it is earnestly commended to the churches to observe a monthly season of special prayer for the divine blessing on this enterprise of extending the gospel in foreign lands, and some time during the first Sabbath of each month is deemed most suitable for such season of concerted prayer.

3. That besides the annual and special contributions for the support of foreign missionary effort, directed to be observed in the General Assembly's plan of systematic benevolence heretofore adopted, our churches are also invited to take up a collection on the occasion of the monthly concert.

4. That this Assembly cordially recommends the suggestions of the Executive Committee that the interest and benefactions of our Sabbath School children should be enlisted in this cause.

5. That the Committee be authorised to publish a monthly missionary paper for gratuitous circulation to ministers and Sabbath-school superintendents.

6. That the Assembly will hold an evening session on Monday next, commencing at 7 o'clock, at which time the interests of the foreign missionary enterprise shall be the special topics of discussion.

7. That our ministers be hereby enjoined to give their people special instructions on the duties and privileges of active participation in the work of extending the gospel throughout the world.

8. That the Executive Committee heretofore in office be continued till the next meeting of the Assembly.

The hour for the order of the day having arrived, the Rev. D. Pressly, the delegate from the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, was introduced, and proceeded to address the General Assembly, presenting interesting statements concerning the Church he represented, and bearing with him to this body their cordial salutations. To these fraternal sentiments, the Moderator made a suitable response.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported Overture No. 4, being a memorial from the Synod of Georgia as to the propriety of establishing a correspondence with the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The following answer was recommended by the Committee, and adopted by the Assembly:

Resolved, That, in view of the fact that the Methodist General Conference meets so much less frequently than our Assembly, such correspondence could not conveniently be conducted with any special advantages greater than what are already possessed by occasional ministerial intercourse, and the intercommunion of our people.

They reported also Overture No. 5, respecting a South-western

Theological Seminary, which was made the second order of the day for to-morrow morning.

They also reported that the overture from the Presbytery of Fayetteville, in regard to a change in the time of the meeting of the Assembly, did not require an answer, since the change desired has been already effected. This report was adopted.

Also, Overture No. 6, being the dissent of certain members of the Synod of Mississippi from the action of said Synod ordering one of its Presbyteries to meet without specifying the object for which it was to be convened. It was recommended that the Assembly approve of this dissent. The report was adopted.

A letter was received from Rev. Dr. T. E. Peck, giving reasons for not having presented a report upon the subject assigned to himself and others by the General Assembly, which were accepted as satisfactory, and the Committee was discharged.

It was made the order of the day for Wednesday morning, at 11 a. m., to hear the Rev. A. P. Forman and any other delegates from the Synod of Missouri who might be present, concerning the object of their mission.

A letter concerning the family of a deceased minister in Georgia, was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Upon the recommendation of the respective committees of review, the records of the Synod of Nashville, of the Synod of North Carolina, and of the Synod of South Carolina, were approved as far as written.

The records of the Synod of Virginia were approved as far as written, with certain exceptions.

The Rev. T. R. Welch, from the Standing Committee on Systematic Benevolence, presented a report, which was received, and was made the third order of the day for to-morrow.

An overture from the Rev. Dr. J. J. Bullock and others, in regard to the removal of the Committee of Publication to the city of Baltimore, was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported, through the chairman, Dr. Smith, Overtures No. 7 and 8. After the reception of this report, prayer was offered by the Rev. J. B. Mack for the guidance of the Divine Spirit in the Assembly's deliberations upon this matter. The report was then ordered to be printed for the use of the Assembly, and after a few remarks by members, was recommitted to the Committee, in accordance with their request, for further deliberation.

An overture concerning a readjustment of the boundaries of the Synod of Arkansas was received and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

After devotional exercises, conducted by the Rev. John S. Wilson, D. D., of Georgia, the Assembly adjourned to meet this evening, at 7 o'clock. Closed with the apostolic benediction.

MONDAY, 7 o'clock p. m.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. J. A. Lefevre.

It being the order of the day to hold services appropriate to the subject of Foreign Missions, the Moderator, upon the suggestion of members of the Assembly, invited brethren present who were not members to participate in the discussion of the evening.

A resolution was offered by Dr. B. M. Smith, which, after addresses by various members and other brethren present, was laid upon the table; and, in its stead, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That inasmuch as the work of extending the gospel through all the world is the great work for which the Church has been instituted by her great Head, and to which all other parts of its work are subordinate, the Committee of Foreign Missions be directed to press the enterprise intrusted to it with renewed energy and effort; assured that the means both of men and of money will be adequately supplied, in the all-wise providence of God, in proportion to the liberal method devised by the Church.

A collection for Foreign Missions having been taken up, the Assembly then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at half-past 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Rev. G. O. Barnes.

TUESDAY MORNING, 9½ o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. J. Rumple. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

A letter was received from the Rev. T. D. Witherspoon, containing his report as the delegate of the Assembly to the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. It represents the reception extended by that body as most cordial and gratifying. This report was received as satisfactory, and the diligence of the delegate was approved.

The Rev. B. Gildersleeve offered a resolution concerning the SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW, which was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The order of the day was taken up, and the Rev. Dr. A. J. Baird, the delegate from the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, addressed the Assembly, presenting the cordial salutations of his Church, and interesting information concerning its operations and progress.

To this address the Moderator made a fraternal response.

The second order of the day, viz., the consideration of Overture No. 5, was then taken up, and after discussion, the report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was adopted. The report is as follows:

Resolved, That the General Assembly decidedly adopts the views of the Presbytery of North Alabama, that it is inexpedient to take measures for establishing a third theological seminary.

It was made the fourth order of the day to receive the report of the special Committee to which was referred the communication presented by the delegates from the Synod of Kentucky.

The third order of the day was taken up, namely, the report of the Standing Committee on Systematic Benevolence. This report, as amended and adopted, is as follows:

The Standing Committee on Systematic Benevolence deem it an important and encouraging fact that eleven Presbyteries have sent reports to the General Assembly on this subject. While this number is far below what it ought to be, yet it is far in advance of what was done last year, when only one report was presented.

We have reason to believe, from information derived from other sources, that most of our Presbyteries, although not reporting, have actually carried the Assembly's plan into successful operation, and have contributed to the various objects of benevolence, and that wherever there has been a failure, the fault lies at the door of our church officers, and not with the people. We fully believe that when our ministers, elders, and deacons, will heartily and earnestly do their duty in instructing the people in the grace of giving, there will be no lack of funds to carry on successfully all the benevolent operations of the Church. The great doctrine, that giving is an act of worship and a means of grace, pregnant with the interests of the whole Church, has taken a deeper and stronger hold upon the hearts of God's people, and some of the blessed fruits of it will appear in the following statement of the reports we have examined:

The Presbytery of Concord reports that fifty out of seventy-two churches have contributed to one or more of the various objects of benevolence: twenty-four churches contributed to Foreign Missions; forty-four to Domestic Missions; nineteen to Sustentation; twenty-two to Education, and twenty-two to Publication. The full amount contributed, $2,805.

The Presbytery of Orange reports forty-nine churches, eighteen of which have contributed to the various benevolent operations of the Church the sum of $1,686.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville, without giving the number of contributing churches, reports the amount given as $1,445.

The Presbytery of Greenbrier reports that eight churches have contributed to Sustentation, Foreign Missions, Publication, and Education; one to Foreign Missions, alone, and five to Sustentation alone. The amount contributed is not reported.

The Presbytery of Lexington reports that fourteen churches have contributed to Domestic Missions; seventeen to Foreign Missions; fourteen to Sustentation; ten to Education, and thirteen to Publication. The full amount given is $4,206.

Montgomery Presbytery reports twenty-six churches, and of this number eleven contributed to Domestic Missions; twelve to Foreign Missions; ten to Sustentation; eight to Education, and eleven to Publication. The whole amount given is $2,073.

The Presbytery of Georgia reports that it consists of nine churches, five of which have contributed to the various objects of benevolence; the remaining four have not as yet been "reconstructed" to working order. The full amount contributed is $550.

The Presbytery of Nashville reports the adoption of the Assembly's plan of Systematic Benevolence; and that fifteen out of seventeen churches contributed to one or more of the objects of benevolence; thirteen contributed to Domestic Missions; four to Sustentation; five to Education, and five to Publication. The full amount contributed is $10,336.

The Presbytery of Tuskaloosa reports twenty-eight churches; of these, eight have contributed to Foreign Missions; nine to Domestic Missions; five to Publication, and twelve to Education. The amount contributed is not stated.

The Presbytery of Arkansas reports twenty-three churches, thirteen of which

have contributed to Sustentation, eight to Foreign Missions, and four to Publication. The amount contributed is $1,000.

Indian Presbytery reports that seven churches have contributed to Sustentation; six to Foreign Missions; two to Publication; and one to Education. Full amount contributed is $152.

The Committee have also had under consideration the overture from East Hanover Presbytery, on the subject of a pastoral letter to the churches on the great subject of frequent giving, and are deeply impressed with a sense of its vital importance to our Church at this time, and recommend the following resolutions for the action of the General Assembly:

Resolved, 1. That all our ministers, elders, and deacons, be earnestly requested, for our Lord's sake, to give to every member of all their churches the opportunity to contribute something for the glory of God, and especially instructing them in their duty to contribute to all the various objects ordered by the General Assembly: requiring them to take up their annual collections in accordance with the following plan: For Sustentation, on the 1st Sabbath in January; For Publication, on the 1st Sabbath in March; For Foreign Missions, on the 1st Sabbath in May; For Education, on the 1st Sabbath in November; or as soon thereafter as convenient. The Assembly's Secretaries are requested to bring these objects before the churches at the times above mentioned, in the way that may seem most desirable to them.

2. That we earnestly recommend all our churches to see that weekly collections are taken up according to the divine injunction, believing that the piety and usefulness of our beloved Zion will be thereby greatly promoted; and that the money thus raised be appropriated to the objects of benevolence according to the wishes of the session of the church.

3. That it is desirable for this General Assembly to address a pastoral letter to the churches on the subject of frequent giving, and that the Assembly's Secretaries of Sustentation and Publication be requested to prepare said letter. THOS. R. WELCH, *Chairman*.

The fourth order of the day was taken up, viz., the report of the Committee on the letter from the Synod of Kentucky; which was under consideration till suspended by the devotional exercises, which were conducted by the Rev. Stuart Robinson.

The Assembly adjourned to meet to-night at 7 o'clock. Closed with the apostolic benediction.

TUESDAY, 7 o'clock p. m.

The Assembly met, and was opened with singing, reading the Scriptures, and prayer, under the direction of the Moderator.

The order of the day was taken up, viz., the inauguration of the Rev. William S. Plumer, D. D., as Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology in the Theological Seminary at Columbia.

The pledge required by the Constitution of the Seminary having been signed by the Professor, a charge was addressed to him, in the name of the Assembly, by the Rev. James A. Lyon, D. D.

Dr. Plumer then delivered an inaugural address appropriate to the occasion; after which the Moderator declared him duly inaugurated as Professor in the Seminary aforesaid.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at half-past 9 o'clock. Closed with the apostolic benediction.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9½ o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. James Murray. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Rev. Dr. Buist, from the Standing Committee on Education, presented a report. The report was received. Part of the resolutions were adopted, and the remainder were placed upon the docket.

The report of the Standing Committee on Publication was made the second order for to-day.

The Rev. Dr. Lyon, from the Standing Committee on Sustentation, made a report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee to which was referred the report of the Assembly's Executive Committee of Sustentation, beg leave respectfully to submit the following resolutions for adoption by the Assembly, viz.:

Resolved, 1. That the Assembly commend the faithful and energetic manner in which their Committee of Sustentation have, during a year of unparalleled depression and embarrassment, discharged their arduous and responsible duties.

2. That the Assembly tender their sincere thanks to those kind and considerate friends in Baltimore, and also to our generous brethren of Kentucky, for the liberal and timely aid given us in carrying on the work of Sustentation in our great and destitute field.

3. That the Assembly approve of the rules and by-laws which the Committee have adopted to govern them in the prosecution of their work.

The Committee nominate for the Executive Committee of Sustentation for the ensuing year, the following persons, viz.: Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D. D., *Secretary*, Rev. Prof. James Woodrow, *Treasurer*, Rev. Drs. George Howe, J. B. Adger, Joseph R. Wilson, A. W. Miller, J. L. Girardeau, Rev. Wm. E. Boggs, Henry Muller, Esq., Gen. F. W. McMaster, Dr. E. Nye Hutchison.

The unfinished business, viz., the report of the Committee concerning the letter from the Synod of Kentucky, was taken up, and the members of the delegation from that Synod were invited to participate in the discussion. This subject was held under the consideration of the Assembly till the order of the day was taken up; when the Rev. A. P. Forman, the delegate from the Synod of Missouri, addressed the house, assuring the Assembly of the most cordial sympathy of that venerable Synod, and bearing testimony to their sincere wishes for our prosperity. To this address the Moderator made a suitable reply.

The subject presented by the delegate from Missouri was referred to a Committee, consisting of the Rev. B. M. Smith, D. D., Rev. John Jones, and J. A. Leland, to bring in a proper minute for adoption by the Assembly.

The second order of the day was taken up, when the Rev. Dr. Chapman, from the Standing Committee on Publication, presented a report, which was received, and placed upon the docket.

The unfinished business was taken up, and the paper reported by the Committee concerning the Synod of Kentucky was unanimously adopted. After its adoption, deeply interesting addresses were made by Rev. Dr. Stuart Robinson, Rev. Dr. J. D. Matthews, Rev. G. O. Barnes, and Rev. D. O. Davies; to which the Moderator made a suitable response. At the close of these addresses, the Rev. G. O. Barnes, at the request of the Moderator, led the Assembly in thanksgiving to God for the happy result which had been reached; and then all present arose and sang the hymn,

"Blest be the tie that binds," etc.

The report adopted by the Assembly is as follows:

The Committee to which was referred the Letter of the Synod of Kentucky, having given it a careful consideration, beg leave to submit the following report:

The letter contains a statement of the doctrines and principles for which this Synod and its Presbyteries have been contending for the last seven years, and lays this statement before the General Assembly as the basis of a covenant upon which this Synod may form an organic union with us. It is, of course, not desired by this Synod that this paper should constitute any part of our doctrinal symbols or our written constitution, these being already established in such a form as the Assembly have, in other cases of union, either formed or proposed, distinctly declared its unwillingness to disturb. Nor is it desired, we presume, by the Synod, that the Assembly should enter into the controversies that have disturbed this body during the past seven years, or pronounce upon them in detail. The desire of the Synod, as we apprehend it, is the very natural and proper desire—to be assured that we are in such substantial agreement with them in the principles and doctrines for which they have been contending, that they will not be likely to have a recurrence of the difficulties from which they have already suffered so much. This agreement the Assembly can declare without any difficulty, since the whole existence of our Church as a separate organisation has been an assertion of these principles, and a protest against those acts and doctrines that tend to subvert them. In the first official announcement, at Augusta, of our ecclesiastical existence, in the pastoral letter issued by the Assembly at Macon, and in the action of the last Assembly at Memphis, these great principles have been declared in the most solemn and emphatic manner, as among the fundamental principles of our ecclesiastical organisation. And we have looked on the struggles of our brethren in Kentucky with a deeper sympathy and a livelier interest because we felt that they were contending substantially for the grand principles which have ever been the rallying cry of our Presbyterian ancestry in the best days of the Church's history—the supremacy of Christ's Crown and Covenant. And we are sure that should our brethren see fit to enter into organic relations with us, they will find that substantial agreement in all these great doctrines and principles which is necessary to a cordial and a happy union. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz.:

Resolved, 1. That this Assembly express its deep sympathy with our brethren in Kentucky in the troubles through which they have been passing during the last seven years, and its admiration of the firm stand which they have taken for the spiritual independence of the Church of Christ.

2. That this General Assembly declines now, as heretofore, to make any utterance concerning the acts of the body against which the Synod protests. Yet the Assembly feels free solemnly to assure the Synod of Kentucky not only of our cordial approval of, and sincere concurrence substantially in, the Synod's statement of doctrine and constitutional principles, as contained under the four heads of the third division of their letter, but of our sincere joy to find our brethren of Kentucky so ready to unite with us in solemn covenant, with a view, among other things, to the advancement and maintenance of these doctrines and principles as against the apparent Erastian tendencies of our American Protestantism.

3. That the Letter of the Synod of Kentucky be admitted to record, as they suggest, as a part of the historical acts and monuments of the Church, by publishing it in the Appendix to the Minutes of this Assembly.

4. That this Assembly cordially approves of the determination of the Synod of Kentucky, as expressed in the fourth resolution of its minutes of June 28th, 1867, communicated by its commissioners to this Assembly, to assert fully all its legal claims as a part of the "Presbyterian Church in the United States of America," and to reserve all its legal rights of property as a Synod in any union which may be formed with this body.

5. That this Assembly assures the Synod of Kentucky of a cordial

welcome. And its Standing Committee on Commissions is hereby instructed to receive and enroll, without further order, commissioners properly accredited from the Presbyteries of Ebenezer, Louisville, Muhlenburg, Paducah, Transylvania, and West Lexington.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures again made a report in relation to the duty of the Church to the negro population, which, after some discussion, was unanimously adopted. The report is as follows:

The Committee on Bills and Overtures report Overture No. 7, from the Synod of Virginia, proposing a revocation of the acts of the last Assembly on the relation of our Church to the colored people, and Overture No. 8, from the Presbytery of Mississippi, proposing such a modification of said action "as shall authorise the Presbyteries, in the exercise of their discretion, to ordain to the gospel ministry, and to organise into separate congregations, duly qualified persons of the colored race, and so declare that mere race or color is not regarded as a bar to office or privilege in the Presbyterian Church in the United States." Your Committee report the following minute:

Resolved, 1. That believing the resolutions of the last Assembly, pp. 35 and 36, were evidently designed to be of temporary operation, and that they contain many clauses which do not adequately express the sentiments of our Church on the subject contemplated, they be and are hereby revoked.

2. That inasmuch as, according to our Constitution, the duty of admitting candidates to the office of the gospel ministry devolves solely on the Presbyteries, and that of electing elders and deacons solely on the congregations, all male persons of proper qualifications for such offices, of whatever race, color, or civil condition, must be admitted or elected by these authorities respectively, in accordance with the principles of our Church government and in the exercise of a sound Christian discretion.

3. That the Assembly declines, on the ground of constitutional incompetency, to make any declaration respecting the future ecclesiastical organisations of such freedmen as may belong to our communion, believing that the responsibility, as well as the course to be pursued, devolves on those persons, who are both politically and ecclesiastically free, as all others, to serve God according to the dictates of their own consciences.

4. The Assembly earnestly enjoins on all our ministers and people to use all diligence in affectionate and discreet efforts for the spiritual benefit of the colored race within reach of their private and public ministrations, and to seek, by all lawful means, to introduce them into a permanent connexion with our Church: and for this purpose, the Assembly recognises the lawfulness of measures such as have long been used, in various portions of our Church, contemplating the judicious selection and employment of the more pious and intelligent persons among colored communicants in suitable official capacities for the spiritual benefit of their own race.

The Committee to review the records of the Synod of Alabama reported, recommending their approval as far as written. The report was adopted.

After devotional exercises, conducted by the Rev. A. P. Forman, of Missouri, the Assembly adjourned to meet this evening, at 7 o'clock. Closed with the apostolic benediction.

WEDNESDAY, 7 o'clock p. m.

The Assembly met, and was opened with singing and prayer.

Interesting addresses were made upon the subject of Sustentation.

To-morrow being appointed by the President of the United States as a day of public thanksgiving, it was resolved to spend an hour,

viz., from 11 to 12 o'clock, in appropriate services, and that this shall take the place of the usual devotional exercises.

The Assembly adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at half-past 9 o'clock. Closed with the apostolic benediction.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9½ o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. W. H. Stratton. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

A letter was received from the Rev. Dr. M. D. Hoge, assigning satisfactory reasons why the commission appointed by the last Assembly to visit various Churches in Europe had not fulfilled the mission; and the commission was discharged.

The subject of employing annually a reporter, having been referred by the last Assembly to this, it was resolved that such a measure is inexpedient.

The order of the day was taken up, viz., the report of the Standing Committee on Publication, which, being amended, was adopted, and is as follows:

The Standing Committee, to which was referred the annual report of the Executive Committee of Publication, would respectfully report that they have had the same, with the accompanying papers, under consideration. This important agency of the Church of God is growing in might, and advancing in power and in usefulness to the Church and to the world. We should truly, deeply, thank the Lord, and take courage—should gird ourselves afresh, and go forth to the great work of disseminating to the Church, and to the waste places of Zion, where the voice of the living preacher is rarely heard, and to the wide world, a godly and a sanctified literature, whispering of heaven and instructing souls in the great truths of salvation. These are the streams which, under the favor of Zion's King, shall make the wilderness to bud and blossom; and these are the means and influences, which, under the Holy Spirit's power, shall extend Messiah's reign, and make glad the city of our God.

The Committee would respectfully offer to the General Assembly the following resolutions for their consideration and adoption:

1. The General Assembly rejoices in the prosperity of this enterprise of the Church, approves the diligence of the Executive Committee, and directs the publication of its annual report in pamphlet form, to be sent in connexion with its catalogue of books to all our pastors and churches.

2. That this Assembly records with devout gratitude to Almighty God, his great goodness to us, in enabling us in our poverty and crippled estate, to do so much, with means so limited, in advancing this great interest.

3. That we rejoice in the prospect of the increased efficiency of this enterprise of the Church, and commend it afresh to pastors, churches, and Presbyteries, enjoining it upon them to take order on its claims, and to give their most earnest aid in the furtherance of its objects.

4. That the *Children's Friend*, either in its monthly or semi-monthly issue, be commended to our churches and Sabbath-schools, and that pastors and church sessions be directed to take measures to secure the enlargement of its circulation.

5. The General Assembly remarks with pleasure and approves the appropriations made in behalf of our colored people, and directs the Executive Committee to further and greater effort in that direction.

6. That the question of publishing a monthly paper by the Committee, to serve as an organ of communication between the Executive Committees and the churches, be referred to the Executive Committees, to report to the next General Assembly.

7. That the Presbyteries be cautioned in the matter of their choice of book-

agents or colporteurs, and that the Executive Committee be authorised to withdraw the commission of an unsuitable agent, after conference with the Presbyterial Committee of Publication.

8. That the overture sent up by the Rev. Dr. Bullock, proposing to remove the seat of operations of the Executive Committee from the city of Richmond to the city of Baltimore, be favorably received; that it be commended to the prayerful consideration of the Executive Committee at Richmond, and that they be directed and authorised to remove the seat of said Committee's operations from Richmond to Baltimore as soon as shall be consistent with the interests involved and the general welfare of the enterprise.

9. That this Assembly appoint as their Executive Committee of Publication: The Rev. E. T. Baird, D. D., *Secretary*, C. Gennet, *Treasurer*, Rev. Messrs. T. V. Moore, D. D., M. D. Hoge, D. D., C. H. Read, D. D., Wm. Brown, D. D., P. B. Price, Wm. F. Taylor, Esq., E. H. Fitzhugh, Esq., J. M. Herndon, Esq., and B. R. Wellford, Esq.

10. That in case the Committee of Publication should be removed to Baltimore, the following persons are appointed: Rev. E. T. Baird, D. D., *Secretary*, Prof. W. L. Baird, *Treasurer*, Rev. J. J. Bullock, D. D., Rev. John Leyburn, D. D., Rev. J. A. Lefevre, Hon. W. F. Giles, George M. Gill, Esq., John L. Weeks, Esq., and G. F. Anderson, Esq.

The report of the Standing Committee on Education was taken up, and the remainder of the report was adopted. The following is the whole paper as adopted:

The Standing Committee on Education respectfully report that they have examined and considered all the documents placed in their hands from the Executive Committee of Education; that they find them in order; that this Committee appear to have used all due diligence in their work; and considering the unpropitious circumstances in which they have been placed, have accomplished a great deal. There seems to be a large and widening field before them, and the Church should be up and doing to enable them to accomplish their great work.

The Presbyteries have generally approved the Assembly's plan of operation, and co-operated with the Committee, and it is hoped that soon all will unite in this plan. It seems to combine energy and efficiency with proper checks and balances.

The Executive Committee of Education address the Assembly several queries asking for instruction. This Committee think such matters must generally be decided by the Committee, as they possess all the facts in the case, but subject to the review of the Assembly. But as far as they have informed us of their action and views in the several cases, we approve them.

We recommend the adoption by the Assembly of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That this Assembly regard the education of the sons of the Church for the gospel ministry as a great and glorious work, and that they commend it to the consideration and prayers of all our churches.

2. That the Assembly highly approve the diligence and faithfulness of the Executive Committee of Education during the past year.

3. That this Assembly will meet at 7 o'clock p. m., in this church, on Thursday next, to consider the subject of the education of candidates for the gospel ministry.

4. That this Assembly appoint as its Executive Committee of Education, the Rev. E. Thompson Baird, D. D., *Secretary*, Charles Gennet, Esq., *Treasurer*, Rev. Drs. T. V. Moore, M. D. Hoge, C. H. Read, Wm. Brown, Rev. P. B. Price, Wm. F. Taylor, Esq., E. H. Fitzhugh, Esq., J. M. Herndon, Esq., and B. R. Wellford, Esq.

5. That in case the Committee of Publication should be removed to Baltimore, that the Committee of Education should be removed at the same time and to the same place, and the following persons should be appointed to fill vacancies: Rev. Drs. J. G. Hamner, S. H. Higgins, Rev. Peyton Harrison,

J. Harmon Brown, *Treasurer*, Gustavus Ober, Thos. Dixon, Patrick Gibson, and J. E. Trippe.

On motion of the Rev. J. Rumple, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee of Publication be directed to print and keep on hand for sale blank forms for sessional and presbyterial statistical reports, reports on systematic benevolence, blank commissions to the General Assembly, and such other blank forms as may be required by clerks of sessions and presbyteries.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures made the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Bills and Overtures report Overture No. 9, from the commissioners from the Presbyteries of Arkansas and Ouachita, asking for the formation of a new Presbytery, in view of the difficulty of now securing a meeting of Synod, owing to the small number and remote locality of one of the Presbyteries (Indian) comprised in the Synod of Arkansas.

Resolved. That this Assembly is constitutionally incompetent to grant this request.

Also, Overture No. 10, being a letter from the Rev. J. T. Pollock, asking aid from the Assembly for the family of a minister of this Church recently deceased. The Committee recommend the following minute:

Inasmuch as this Assembly has control of no funds for the purpose proposed, and this request cannot at once be granted, yet the Assembly appreciates the importance not only of this special case, but of all such as it represents:

Resolved, 1. That the Committee of Sustentation be authorised to appropriate five per cent. of all contributions to its object to the relief of destitute widows and children of ministers, and to indigent ministers in infirm health: provided no such per cent. be appropriated from the contributions of any church or person prohibiting such appropriation; and provided, further, that this plan of operation shall not continue longer than the meeting of the Assembly for the year 1869.

2. That this present application be referred to the Committee of Sustentation, who are hereby charged in the exercise of due diligence and discretion with the duty of considering and issuing it and all others of like character.

Also, Overture No. 11, from the Presbytery of East Alabama, requesting explanations of the action of the last Assembly respecting the service of elders in vacant congregations. Your Committee recommend the following minute:

Resolved, That the action of the last Assembly, on pp. 36 and 37 of the Minutes, is hereby re-affirmed, and the parts relating to the services of elders explained to mean, substantially, that, in accordance with our Constitution, when a vacant congregation does not enjoy the services of any elder, who for any proper reason is competent to perform the duties contemplated, it shall be the duty of the Presbytery to appoint an elder or elders from some neighboring congregation; provided nothing herein contained shall be regarded as justifying any Presbytery in extending its jurisdiction within the bounds of another.

Also, Overture No. 12, from the Rev. B. Gildersleeve and others, proposing that the Assembly take appropriate action recommending the SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW to the confidence and patronage of our Church. The Committee report the following minute:

Resolved, That while this Assembly, as ministers and elders, might cordially adopt the paper presented, yet, as an Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in its ecclesiastical character, it is not competent for us to enact anything concerning other matters than those which are strictly ecclesiastical.

An invitation having been received to visit the school of Mr. W.

E. Ward, in this city, the courtesy of this invitation was gratefully acknowledged.

The Committee to examine the reports of the Presbyteries concerning the Book of Order, made, through its Chairman, the Rev. Dr. J. R. Wilson, the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

The Committee appointed to examine the answers to the overtures sent down to the several Presbyteries by the last General Assembly, touching the "Form of Government," "Canons of Discipline," and "Rules of Parliamentary Order," and to recommend action to this Assembly with reference to the whole matter, beg leave to report as follows:

First. A careful examination of the answers to said overtures sent to the Assembly by forty of the Presbyteries, reveals the fact that *thirty-five* of these Presbyteries do answer all the overtures with an unconditional negative; that *four* of them answer with a conditional negative; whilst only *five* adopt the overture with reference to Rules of Parliamentary Order, and but *one* adopts the whole three absolutely.

Second. These answers nearly all reveal the fact that the Presbyteries are impressed with the importance of the labors that have been performed by the Assembly's Committee on Revision, and express their desire to have the result of these labors preserved.

Third. These answers also bring out the fact that there is a great diversity of opinion in the Presbyteries with respect to the changes proposed by the overtures; very few of them coinciding in the same objections or concurring in the same criticisms.

In view of these facts, your Committee submit to the General Assembly the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That, in the judgment of this Assembly, it is inexpedient to continue the Committee on Revision, or to appoint another at this time.

2. That the answers to the overtures be all carefully filed away, with the overtures themselves, for future reference and use.

3. That this Assembly feels that it is due to the Committee on Revision to express its sense of the value of their long-continued and laborious work, and to offer them its thanks for what they have done in their endeavor to set forth the great principles of the Constitution of our Church.

Adjourned to meet this evening, at 7 o'clock. Closed with prayer by Rev. W. H. Vernor.

THURSDAY, 7 o'clock p. m.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer by the Rev. D. H. Porter.

The Committee appointed to prepare a minute in reply to the address of the representative of the Missouri Synod, presented a report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

This Assembly has heard with profound interest the communication made by the Rev. A. P. Forman, on behalf of the Synod of Missouri, and desires to place on record its high appreciation of the principles and conduct of that venerable Synod as set forth by Mr. Forman.

The Assembly expresses its deep sympathy for the brethren in Missouri, both officers and members of the Church, in the great fight of affliction, through which they have not yet fully passed, though it is hoped they have successfully encountered the greatest trials, to which the great Head of the Church has been pleased to call them.

The Assembly feels entire confidence in the full and cordial attachment of the ministers and members of the Presbyterian churches in Missouri, as represented in the Synod, for the principles of doctrine and church order set forth in the time-

honored standards of our Church; and is entirely persuaded, that should that Synod be prepared to form an organic union with this Church, no difficulties could arise owing to discrepancies of opinion on any fundamental or important doctrines of the gospel, or any theories of church government which find a practical expression in our standards.

As to the future relations of this Synod, the Assembly does not feel prepared to express any opinion, whatever it may desire. But it is due to us and to them to say that this Assembly cordially sympathises with the Synod of Missouri, as represented by Mr. Forman, in expressing a longing desire for the day when throughout our land all who agree with us in the great truths of the "Gospel of the grace of God," and especially who fully sympathise in our position as a truly simply spiritual body, ever testifying for the supreme and sole authority of the divine and exalted Head of the Church, shall constitute one organised Christian communion, prepared by the spiritual weapons of her warfare to contend earnestly "for the faith once delivered to the saints," and successful in "casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."

The order of the day was taken up, and interesting addresses were made on the subject of theological education, when the following minute was adopted:

The Assembly would earnestly impress on the minds of all having in charge the government and instruction of our theological seminaries, the vital importance of training our future ministers, not only to be able and faithful ministers of the word of God, but also to be fully imbued with an implicit faith in the plenary and literal inspired authority of the sacred Scriptures.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at half-past 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Rev. Joseph A. Dickson.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9½ o'clock.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer by the Rev. R. Price. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Judicial Committee reported that no business had been placed in their hands, and were discharged.

The Committee on Leave of Absence made the following report, which was approved:

The Committee on Leave of Absence granted leave of absence to the following members of the Assembly, viz.: November 25—William Letford, elder from Florida Presbytery. November 26—G. M. Watkins, elder from Rappahannock Presbytery. November 27—Dr. J. W. S. Frierson, elder from North Alabama Presbytery; Rev. H. R. Raymond, from Presbytery of South Alabama. November 28—J. B. Long, elder from Knoxville Presbytery; J. M. Hutchison, elder from Concord Presbytery; Rev. F. McMurray, from East Alabama Presbytery; I. A. T. Painter, elder from Abingdon Presbytery; James Hemphill, elder from Bethel Presbytery; J. P. Scott, elder from West Hanover Presbytery; Dr. S. Currie, elder from Ouachita Presbytery; Geo. W. Lee, elder from Harmony Presbytery; J. McRae, elder from Harmony Presbytery; James R. Holt, elder from Montgomery Presbytery; Rev. Dr. J. E. C. Doremus, from Louisiana Presbytery.

The following paper, offered by the Rev. Dr. J. A. Lyon, was referred to the Presbyteries, with direction to report on the subject to the next General Assembly:

Whereas, The Presbyterian Church has at all times been distinguished for

the high degree of mental culture of its ministers and people, an honorable precedence which it will be commendable for us to try still to maintain: Therefore,

Resolved, 1. That in the judgment of this Assembly it comes clearly within the province of the organised Church of God to look after the mental as well as the moral culture of the people of God, with the view to their highest attainments in active and vital piety.

2. That, in view of this fact, this Assembly deems it of the utmost importance that the Church elevates its standard of learning and widens its domain in prosecuting the educational interests of the people over whom it exercises a controlling influence.

3. That the Assembly request the Presbyteries throughout the bounds of the Church to take this subject into consideration at their next regular meetings, and report their action to the next General Assembly.

The Rev. T. R. Markham read the Narrative of the State of Religion, which, being amended, was adopted, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

On motion, it was

Resolved, 1. That the General Assembly recommend the observance of the third and fourth Sabbaths of February as days of prayer for the youth gathered in the seminaries and colleges and schools of our land.

2. That all our ministers be requested to preach on the Sabbaths above mentioned upon the subject of Christian education, and to call upon all the members of our churches, by prayer and supplication, and by a diligent use of all the means of grace, to dedicate their sons to God for the work of the ministry.

The following resolutions of thanks were adopted:

Resolved, 1. That this General Assembly tender their hearty thanks to the good people of Nashville for their kind, courteous, and abundant hospitalities, extended to us during our sojourn among them.

2. That this General Assembly return their hearty acknowledgments to the different railroad and steamboat companies who reduced their fare one-half in our favor.

3. That the thanks of this Assembly be and they are hereby tendered to the "*Union and Dispatch*" newspaper for the very accurate and well-digested reports of this Assembly which it has published during our sessions.

4. That the thanks of this Assembly are especially due and are hereby tendered to the Rev. Robert Morrison, of Louisville, Kentucky, and to W. L. Barre, the local editor of the *Union and Dispatch*, for the able and faithful manner in which their duties as reporters have been performed, and for their uniform courtesy and politeness to the members of this Assembly.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented a report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully offers the following report:

This Committee recommends that the Rev. T. R. English, principal, with the Rev. Henry R. Dickson as alternate, be appointed a delegate to bear the Christian salutations of this Assembly to the Associate Reformed Synod of the South at their next meeting, which is to be held at Winnsboro, S. C., on the third Monday in September, 1868.

The Committee also recommends the appointment of the Rev. A. H. Kerr, D. D., principal, with the Rev. R. F. Bunting, D. D., alternate, delegate with a like commission as the above, to the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, at its meeting to be held at Lincoln, Illinois, on the third Thursday of May, 1868.

The Committee on Reports of Presbyteries on Evangelistic Labors reported, which report was adopted, and is as follows:

Reports of fidelity in obeying the injunction of the last General Assembly on the subject of evangelists and the ordinances in vacant churches having been received from only a few of the Presbyteries; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the attention of the Presbyteries and Synods be recalled to the subject, and that they be ordered to report thereon to the next Assembly.

It was then resolved that this General Assembly be now dissolved: and that another General Assembly, chosen in like manner, be required to convene in the city of Baltimore, in the Franklin Street Presbyterian Church, on the third Thursday of May, 1868, at 11 o'clock a. m.

The Assembly accordingly was dissolved, the sessions being closed with singing, prayer, and the apostolic benediction.

WILLIAM BROWN, Permanent Clerk.
JOSEPH R. WILSON, Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX.

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES TO THE CHURCHES UNDER ITS CARE:

BELOVED BRETHREN:—"Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ." We have examined and compared the narratives of thirty-seven Presbyteries with the following results.

The greater number of these narratives indicate an increased desire among the people for the ministrations of the word. Congregations are reported as large and growing, while vacant churches ask to be supplied, and in destitute communities the descendants of Presbyterians manifest by earnest calls a yearning after the Church of their fathers.

The Presbyteries also report weekly meetings for prayer as usual in their churches.

A general healthful interest is manifested in the religious instruction of children and youth in Sabbath-schools and Bible classes. One of the Presbyteries records that "the Bible, the Catechism, and the Child's Paper, are loved and studied by its youth," and another makes special and honorable mention of one school within its bounds containing more than six hundred children, in which, at a late gracious season, nine teachers and sixty-seven scholars made profession of faith in Christ. While these are especial and unusual instances, a widespread and increasing interest is evident in this department of the Church's work.

Grateful mention is also made of the zeal, fidelity, and efficiency of ministers in preaching the word, and in giving diligent attention to the pastoral oversight of their flocks; and ruling elders are reported as aroused to a higher sense of the grave trusts and duties of their sacred office.

The grace of giving grows in appreciation and observance among the churches. Weekly collections and the practice of systematic benevolence are establishing themselves as habits, and many churches, though poor and greatly straitened, are making "the depth of their poverty abound to the riches of their liberality." Our churches are learning "the power of the littles," and it may be mentioned in illustration, that a Sabbath-school in one of our Presbyteries is supporting, by its contributions, a day-school attended by seventy indigent children.

And, as his people thus use the means of grace, God answers. As they assemble to worship and pray, as they teach in these schools, as pastors and elders labor and rule, and the tithes are brought into his storehouses, he gives clear tokens of his favor. The windows of heaven open and blessings descend. Revivals are reported in one half of these Presbyteries in one or more churches, and in all of them a steady normal growth in many churches at their communion seasons. In one Presbytery ten churches averaged thirty additions, while another reports accessions greater than known for thirty years, with a continuous revival in one church during eighteen months. One narrative mentions that abounding grace brought to Christ a man eighty-four years old, "the sinner almost of an hundred years."

Added to such blessings a healthful, vigorous, active tone prevails in many churches, and a spirit of peace, harmony, and brotherly kindness pervades them all.

But other words than those of cheer come from the churches. Some Presbyteries and some churches in all the Presbyteries lament saying, "our leanness." Some narratives speak of "indifference, coldness, formality, worldly-mindedness, and covetousness," and even of spiritual dearth; and mention the prevalence in their communities of intemperance, profanity, Sabbath-breaking, and a spirit preferring gain to godliness. Many destitutions are reported, and in vacant churches spiritual life is declining from the lack of ordinances. In one Presbytery, covering from thirty to forty thousand square miles, there are but six or seven ministers. In many churches they who serve the altar do not live by it, but eke out a slender salary by other work; only one Presbytery reporting "salaries promptly paid." And the apprehension is expressed that some church members make poverty a plea, suffering their pastors to lack and faint for want of bread, thus forcing some of them from their charges, while they themselves are living without stint, beginning and ending their retrenchments at the house of God. Yet, blessed be God, our ministers mostly stand in their places, as those "called to the kingdom for such a time as this," and the fathers lead the young men in enduring hardness.

Candidates for the ministry are mentioned in but few Presbyteries, yet we learn from members of a Presbytery, reporting five, that in an institution in its bounds, now graciously revived, twenty-seven students have consecrated themselves to the Lord's work. Yet the anxious question burdening our hearts is, where, to-day, are the laborers for our white harvest.

The colored people, we regret to state, in many parts of our bounds, have heretofore manifested some reluctance to continue their attendance on the ministrations of our Church and have been since the war less accessible than formerly to our ministers: but we are happy to express a hope, grounded on many encouraging facts which have come to our knowledge, that these people may yet be induced again to place themselves within reach of the means of grace as conducted by our ministers and others authorised to instruct them.

Some narratives express the apprehension that *home* instruction and training are disused or undervalued, parents making Sabbath-schools a shield for their neglect: and as to family worship the narratives maintain a general silence. Record is also made of Presbyterian parents who send their children from the home-roof and the home-church, to schools whose teachers on principle and by obligation are proselyters, using skilfully insidious arts to draw away the hearts of sons, and especially of daughters, from the faith of their fathers.

In the year past the Lord has visited our land and people with sore chastenings. Floods have submerged the broad lands bordering the great river that cuts our territory in twain, and storms have desolated a long line of coast on the gulf shore of our largest State. Famine has looked in at the doors of thousands of our homes, pestilence has wasted our cities and towns, and voices of lamentation are lifted up throughout the land. Poverty sits brooding over her ills, and troubles domestic, social, and civil, utter prophetic sounds of woe.

Yet amid these trials the Church of God remains, and her preachers and people arise and quit themselves like men. Exercised by her grievous afflictions peaceable fruits of righteousness have appeared. Strengthening the things that remain, rebuilding her waste places, and repairing her desolations, her people have stood in their lot rooted and grounded in the faith. Maintaining and advancing the principles of a pure Presbyterianism, holding fast to the headship of Christ over all things to his Church, and inscribing on every fold of her banner, "for Christ's Crown and Covenant," she has witnessed and contended for the faith once delivered to the saints.

And God has blessed and enlarged her, bringing again to her embrace true churches and beloved brethren, parted from her for a little space, whose coming has lengthened her cords, and strengthened her stakes. And when she has cried to God, he has not turned away her prayer, nor his mercy from her. He has awaked his north wind and sent his south; they have blown upon the garden, and the spices thereof have flowed out. To his name be the praise.

T. V. MOORE, Moderator.

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF SUSTENTATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

The Executive Committee of Sustentation respectfully report that, immediately after the adjournment of the General Assembly, in November last, they met in Columbia, S. C., organised themselves as a Committee, and entered upon the work assigned them by that venerable body. Since that time, they have prosecuted the work with all possible diligence, and, as they believe, in strict accordance with the spirit and principles of the plan recommended by the Assembly. A circular was addressed to the churches, explaining the nature of that plan, and urging their co-operation; the chairmen of the various Presbyterial Committees of Missions were informed of the duties that had been laid upon them, and they were urged likewise to enter upon those duties at once; at the same time, very general information was given that the central Committee had entered upon its duties, and were ready to consider and act upon any properly endorsed applications that might be laid before it, whether they referred to aid for feeble churches, assistance in rebuilding church edifices, or to the support of missionaries and evangelists. It was not until the middle of the spring, however, that most of the Presbyteries could take action in relation to the plan of Sustentation recommended by the Assembly; but the Committee are happy to report that the great body of them have adopted it with much cordiality; and they have reason to believe that when it is better understood, and its practical working is more fully appreciated, it will be universally received by the churches and Presbyteries. Thirty-seven Presbyteries have already adopted it in full; six in part; one has not been heard from; and only one has adopted an entirely independent course, and this, it is understood, intends to reconsider its course, if it has not already done so.

As yet, there has not been time to test the full value of this general scheme. In many cases, the contributions of the churches were made before it was fully understood, and were probably much less than they would have been under a fuller appreciation of its great importance. The chairmen of many of the Presbyterial Committees did not feel free to enter upon the work until their Presbyteries had taken action, and they have consequently had but little time or opportunity to exert any direct or personal influence upon the churches. At the same time, the scarcity of money over large portions of the Southern country is almost without parallel. But, notwithstanding these and other hindering causes, there is abundant evidence that the plan is regarded with great favor, and is working out the most important results, not only in sustaining the churches in their present trying circumstances, but in laying the foundation for great energy and prosperity hereafter. The people of God are beginning to feel the power of the broader principles of benevolence involved in this scheme; a new and stronger impulse has been given to the cause of benevolence in our stronger and older churches, whilst the feebler and more remote have been aroused to new life by the sympathy manifested in their behalf. The Church at large is beginning to feel the obligations of Christian unity and common brotherhood, and nothing, with the favor of God, seems to be wanting to make this scheme a great and unspeakable blessing to our whole Church, but the earnest, hearty, and united co-operation of our ministers and church courts.

The receipts from all sources have been $30,343.33. Of this amount, above $7,000 have been received from Christian brethren in Baltimore and vicinity, and $3,000 from sympathising friends in Kentucky. Lasting gratitude is due to these Christian friends for their continued liberal and most timely assistance; and especially would this Committee congratulate the Assembly in having on the present occasion the representatives of these Christian brethren in their own body. The whole amount contributed by the churches is $18,256.77. This exceeds the amount contributed by the churches last year about fifty per cent. This is a very encouraging fact, especially when taken in connexion with the unparalleled destitution of the last winter and spring, and the unusual scarcity of money throughout the whole Southern country. It is probable that the contributions would have been more than double those of the previous year if

it had not been for these untoward influences. But a still more encouraging feature in the work is, that the number of contributing churches have more than doubled those of the previous year—being 450 for the present year to 217 for the last. This material improvement, both as to the number of churches that have contributed as well as the amount given, is undoubtedly to be ascribed to the healthful and invigorating influence of this general scheme of Sustentation, and calls for expressions of heartfelt gratitude to Almighty God on the part of all those who labor and pray for the welfare of our Southern Zion.

But, whilst great encouragement is to be drawn from the marked progress made in this good and great work, it is painful and humiliating in the extreme to remember that so large a proportion of our churches have contributed nothing at all to the general fund. A goodly number have no doubt contributed to local and presbyterial operations; but when the largest abatement is made on this score, it will still be found true, perhaps, that more than one-half of our 1,300 churches have contributed nothing at all to this or any of the general schemes of benevolence. This is a painful and humiliating fact, and calls for the serious consideration not only of the General Assembly, but of all the inferior church courts. It is not for the Committee to point out the causes of this sad delinquency. They would not refrain, however, from expressing the strong and decided conviction—a conviction founded upon the general and concurrent testimony of all the Presbyterial Committees throughout the Church—that the fault lies *mainly* at the door of ministers and church sessions, who, for one reason or another, fail to bring these claims to the attention of the congregations under their care. It may be well for the Assembly to consider the propriety of addressing a special communication to ministers and church sessions on this particular subject.

Four general objects or departments of labor are regarded as included in the general plan of Sustentation. 1. To aid feeble churches in the support of their pastors and supplies, and thus accomplish the two-fold object of maintaining the stated preaching of the gospel in all these churches, and at the same time secure a competent support for every laboring minister throughout the whole Church. This principle, if fully carried out as it should be, will place our Church, so far as the support of her ministry is concerned, on the same solid foundation with the Free Church of Scotland, but so as to avoid some of the evils inherently connected with their system, and at the same time be brought about by a process much more accordant with the genius of our people. 2. To aid in the support of missionaries and evangelists, wherever such aid is asked. 3. To assist in rebuilding or repairing church edifices, where the people have not the means of themselves to do it. 4. To assist missionary or ministerial laborers in getting from one field of labor to another, where they are without the means of doing this of themselves.

The first of these, at the beginning of the ecclesiastical year, was the most urgent, and the Committee always gave its claims the preference, so long as there was any doubt about its ability to satisfy all the demands that might be made against its treasury. The combined influence of war, drought, and unfriendly legislation, had reduced many portions of the Southern country to extreme distress, so that the great question with multitudes of our people was how they might procure the bare means of subsistence for themselves and their families. Under such circumstances, it became utterly impossible for many of our churches to maintain the preaching of the gospel; ministers would be compelled to betake themselves to school-keeping or other secular employments to obtain the means of support for their families, and hundreds of churches, in the meantime, would not only be left without the ordinances of the gospel, but would be in danger of losing their organisation as churches of the Lord Jesus. The first and great duty growing out of this state of things was not so much the establishment of new churches as the sustentation of those already established. The Committee made it one of their by-laws, therefore, always to give the preference to this class of claims. They are happy to report, however, that they have been enabled, by the divine blessing, not only to meet fully all the claims presented on behalf of feeble churches, but also to meet fully all the reasonable claims presented in behalf of all the other departments of the

missionary work. It is possible that some urgent and deserving claims may have been kept back from apprehensions of overtaxing the central treasury; but, so far as the Committee are aware, every reasonable application has been granted, and, with two or three exceptions, to the full amount asked. Surely sentiments of profound gratitude ought to arise from every Christian heart to the great Head of the Church for such distinguished favor bestowed upon our afflicted churches.

The appropriations made by the Committee have not been restricted to any particular portion of the Church or section of the country, but have been diffused very generally over the whole surface. Thirty-seven Presbyteries have sought and obtained aid from the central treasury in sums varying from $100 to $2,500. In the Synod of Virginia, $4,735 have been appropriated to aiding feeble churches, assisting in repairing church edifices, and in the support of missionaries and evangelists; in the Synod of North Carolina, $2,300; in the Synod of South Carolina, $1,125; in Georgia and Florida, $6,120; in Alabama, $2,220; in Mississippi and Louisiana, $2,137; in the Synod of Memphis, $1,500; in the Synod of Nashville, $1,675; in the Synod of Arkansas, $1,370; and in the Synod of Texas, $1,950. 104 ministers have received aid, averaging about $200 each. It is not known precisely how many churches are represented by these ministers, but it is supposed that they number at least 250. Twelve of the ministers just mentioned are regarded as missionaries or evangelists, and appropriations have been made for them accordingly. Seventeen congregations have received assistance in rebuilding their church edifices.

Whilst the appropriations have been extended more or less over the whole field, there has, nevertheless, been a good deal of inequality so far as the different Presbyteries are concerned. This was to be expected, and is in strict accordance with the great end contemplated by the general scheme; *i. e.*, to make the stronger Presbyteries and churches aid their feebler sisters in times of affliction and poverty. The Presbytery of Cherokee, in upper Georgia, has received greater assistance than any other, owing to the fact that that region of country was more terribly desolated, and the people more thoroughly prostrated and impoverished, than any other portion of the Southern country. Not only were the people stripped of almost everything they had, but their church buildings, with a few exceptions, were utterly destroyed. There was only one church in the whole bounds of this Presbytery that could give its pastor anything like a competent support, while four-fifths of the whole would probably have become entirely extinct as churches, if it had not been for the aid extended to them by the central Committee. The Committee are happy to learn that many of these churches have been restored to comparative prosperity, and will not need further assistance. The condition of affairs was very nearly as bad in other portions of the country, especially in East Tennessee, South-western Virginia, in portions of North Carolina, in certain sections of South Carolina, in South-western Georgia and Florida, in portions of Mississippi and Louisiana, in parts of Arkansas; and whilst in Texas there are comparatively few traces of war, yet the general condition of their churches is one of extreme depression. In all these sections of country, as liberal aid as possible has been extended to the churches, and, it is believed, with the happiest results. New life and new energy have been imparted to all of them, and, perhaps, not more by the pecuniary aid extended, than by the sympathy manifested in their behalf. In regard to a very large proportion of these churches, it is hoped, they will again soon become self-sustaining and will not need further assistance.

The Committee have not been put in possession of full information in relation to what has been done by Presbyteries that are acting only in partial co-operation with the central Committee. These Presbyteries have not been inactive. Some of them have carried on their own missionary operations with much vigor, and have at the same time contributed liberally to the general fund. Taken altogether, a larger number of evangelists have been employed during the past year than ever before since the organisation of the Church, and it is earnestly hoped that this is but the beginning of the new spiritual life that is to pervade our beloved Church in all future time.

In relation to the general work of Sustentation and Missions, the call for ear-

nest, persevering effort, is just as urgent now as it was a year ago. From the various reports sent up by the Presbyterial Committees, the wants of the Church at large, though not indicated by precisely the same geographical and ecclesiastical lines, are as great and urgent as they were the last year. The failure of crops in many parts of the country, the embarrassments growing out of debts contracted for the last year's supplies, as well as other causes, have reduced large portions of the country to great straits, and churches, which last year could extend a helping hand to their poorer sisters, will themselves need help the coming year. It would seem that God intends to teach us by these severe and repeated providences the duty and necessity of interdependence among ourselves and especially show us the great importance of being united in one close and compact brotherhood.

At the same time, neither the Assembly nor the central Committee should lose sight of the great importance of establishing and maintaining a complete system of Sustentation for the whole Church. A large portion of our ministerial brethren must be greatly embarrassed and crippled in their labors until some such system is established and enforced; and the object can easily be accomplished by the joint action of the central Committee and the Presbyterial Committees of Missions. To the latter it belongs to see that the resources of every individual church are fully developed, and to the former to provide a supplement for every salary, wherever there is absolute need of it. Every laboring minister should have a competent support guaranteed to him: whether the minimum allowance should be $500, $600, or $700, the Committee will not undertake to decide. But some standard should be fixed upon, and the energies of the whole Church should be directed to the attainment of it. When this is done, many of our ministerial brethren will be freed from distressing embarrassments, the Church, so far as its temporal support is concerned, will be placed on a solid foundation, and will thus be thoroughly equipped for any work of aggression or conquest to which her great Head may call her.

Nothing seems necessary, in the judgment of your Committee, to carry out fully the scheme of Sustentation inaugurated by the last Assembly, but the rigid and faithful enforcement of the rules and principles that were adopted at the same time. The general plan, pregnant as it is with blessings for the whole Church, can be sustained and carried on only by the hearty co-operation of all its parts. The various Presbyterial Committees of Missions, and especially the chairmen of those Committees, must awake to the full responsibilities laid upon them, and use every legitimate means to bring all the churches into hearty co-operation in the great work. At the same time, the Presbyteries should see to it that their Committees of Missions are clothed with the necessary authority for carrying out these great ends.

It should be borne in mind that about one-third of the funds used by the central Committee the last year came from sources outside of the church. These outside contributions were made in consequence of our peculiarly reduced condition. They cannot, and ought not, to be expected another year. The Committee will have hereafter to depend entirely upon funds raised within the bosom of the Church. These can easily be secured by the necessary efforts. General contributions, instead of large ones, are what are particularly needed. An average of one dollar for each church member would not only meet all the wants of this particular cause, but, in a great measure, those of all the other schemes of general benevolence. If ministers, church sessions, and Committees of Missions, will only do their duty, there will be no lack of funds, and the Church will at once be raised up from her low and prostrated condition.

Along with this report, the Committee submit to the Assembly for its revision and approval a code of by-laws, which was adopted at their first meeting, and by which they have been governed in all their disbursements, together with a few modifications and additions which they propose to make to that code. It is the opinion of the Committee that this code, brief and simple as it is, demands the careful consideration of the Assembly; for upon these by-laws hinge the practical working of the whole scheme.

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Executive Committee.

J. LEIGHTON WILSON, SECRETARY.

BY-LAWS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF SUSTENTATION.

1. All appropriations made by this Committee, whether to assist feeble churches, to aid in church erection, or to support missionaries and evangelists, must be based on the recommendation of the Presbytery's Committee of Domestic Missions, within whose bounds the money is to be expended—it being understood that the Chairman or Secretary is regarded as the organ of the Presbytery's Committee.

2. The Committee shall always appropriate specifically to the different objects presented by the Presbyterial Committee of Missions; and unless a preference is expressed to the contrary, it will always give the precedence to applications in behalf of feeble churches.

3. No appropriation shall be made to supplement the salary given by a feeble church unless the Presbyterial Committee, through which the application is made, can certify that the congregation itself has done all that could reasonably be expected of it to raise a sufficient salary; and further, that the minister is not himself engaged in any secular business which renders him a competent support. The sum of $250 per annum shall be the maximum given to aid a feeble church, except in extraordinary cases.

4. The maximum appropriation that shall be made for the support of a Missionary or Evangelist shall not exceed $600, except in extraordinary cases.

5. No appropriation shall be made to aid in repairing or erecting a church edifice, except where the Presbyterial Committee of Missions can certify, 1. That the congregation themselves have not the means to do it. 2. That no application has already been made to churches which are expected to contribute to the general fund. 3. That the amount appropriated by this Committee will be sufficient to put the house in a condition to be used for public worship.

6. No appropriation shall be made to churches or missionaries in Presbyteries which do not carry on their domestic missionary work in accordance with the plan adopted by the General Assembly of 1866.

7. All appropriations made by the Committee in the way of salaries shall be paid by the Treasurer in semi-annual instalments.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF SUSTENTATION.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States in account with James Woodrow, Treasurer for Sustentation.

DR.

To cash paid evangelists, domestic missionaries, and to supplement pastors' salaries	$17,429 95
To cash paid to aid in rebuilding and repairing churches	4,860 00
To cash paid salaries of officers	1,625 00
To cash paid travelling expenses	443 25
To cash paid office expenses	75 56
To cash paid exchange account, (lost in mail, etc.)	122 48
To cash balance in Treasury, November 1, 1867	5,847 09
	$30,343 33

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By balance in Treasury, November 1, 1866	$ 694 65
By donations from churches and individuals	18,256 77
By donations from churches and individuals in Baltimore	7,731 91
By donations from Synod of Kentucky	2,975 00
By donations from friends in New York, New Jersey, and Wisconsin	585 00
By donations from ruling elders at Memphis Assembly	100 00
	$30,343 33

We have examined the accounts of Prof. James Woodrow, Treasurer, and corresponding vouchers, and find them correct.

F. W. McMaster, } *Auditing*
L. K. Glasgow, } *Committee.*

Columbia, S. C., Nov. 18, 1867.

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In presenting their Sixth Annual Report on Foreign Missions, the Committee have to regret that this great cause has not, during the past year, occupied as large a place in the heart and the sympathies of God's people as it should have done. The attention of our people has been too exclusively occupied, perhaps, with their own trials and difficulties. More thought bestowed upon the indescribably wretched condition of the heathen world, and more earnest and active efforts to mitigate that wretchedness, would not only have exerted a happy and soothing influence upon our own feelings, but would have given a powerful impulse to all the great schemes of benevolence in which we are engaged.

The receipts from all sources have been $13,121.62. This is several thousand dollars less than was needed, and the consequences are that the missionaries in the Indian country have not been paid their salaries in full, and at the same time the Committee are without the necessary funds to meet the wants of the missionaries who have more recently gone to the foreign field. This deficiency in the contributions was not necessary and ought not to have occurred. An average of a quarter of a dollar to each church member would have more than met the demands of this cause. At the same time, it is questionable whether there is a single church within our whole bounds that could not have given as much, or twice as much, if its claims had been properly brought to their attention. Are ministers of the gospel and church sessions never to be aroused to their responsibilities in relation to this matter? How can they expect the blessing of the great Head of the Church to rest upon themselves or upon their labors, so long as they disregard or overlook the claims of this great cause? Can that church be in a healthful spiritual condition, that feels no interest and joins in no effort to spread the knowledge of the gospel among the perishing nations of the earth? How surpassingly strange is it that more than half of our thirteen hundred churches have not contributed one dollar the last year to sustain this great cause? Is this not a matter that claims the serious attention of the General Assembly, as well as that of all the inferior courts?

INDIAN MISSION.

No very important or marked changes have taken place in the general condition of this mission during the past year. The Rev. Pliny Fiske, a native Choctaw preacher, and for many years a most worthy and laborious minister of the gospel, has been called to his rest. He died in the full consolations of that faith which he had proclaimed for so many years to his fellow-men. As yet no one has been found to fill the place vacated by his death. Mr Byington is in New York, superintending the printing of the Choctaw Bible. The American Bible Society has very kindly undertaken to print an edition of the Pentateuch in that language for the use of the mission, and will also print other portions of the Bible as they are prepared for the press and are needed by the people. It is a kind providence that has spared the life and health of our aged and venerable brother to carry on this great and important work. The thanks of the Assembly are due to the Bible Society for the readiness and liberality with which it has engaged in the printing of these translations.

The missionaries in the field, with the single exception above mentioned, are the same as they were the last year, and the general routine of missionary labor is very much the same. The venerable Dr. Kingsbury still occupies his station near Doaksville, the capital of the Choctaw Nation, and though more than four-score years of age, continues his labors, and, so far as is known, without interruption from sickness or feeble health. Mr. Hotchkin occupies a station higher up the Red River, and, though in feeble health, is able to meet all his appointments. [Since writing the above, we have received the painful intelligence of the death of the Rev. Ebenezer Hotchkin. He died at Lenox, Massachusetts, on the 28th of October, 1867, having just arrived there from the Indian country, in the hope of recruiting his shattered health.] Mr. Copeland occupies a district of country bordering on the State of Arkansas,

and not only maintains stated preaching at all the out-stations immediately around, but keeps up those that were formerly occupied by Mr. Byington. Mr. Reid still makes Spencer Academy his headquarters, but has a large number of out-stations, at which he preaches in regular rotation. He made a tour during the summer to the churches in the mountains, in the north-western corner of the territory, and preached at all the stations that were formerly occupied there by Dr. Hobbs. Some account of this tour has been published in the religious papers, and been read with interest. The Rev. Mr. Balentine lives at Boggy Depot, and preaches both to Choctaws and Chickasaws, and, as he thinks, with more encouraging prospects than formerly. The Rev. Allen Wright, a Choctaw preacher, and, for the time being, Chief of the Nation, preaches in the same region and elsewhere as he is summoned from one part of the Nation to another in the discharge of his official duties. The Rev. Stephen Foreman, a native Cherokee preacher, has resumed his former station at Park Hill, near Tahlequah, the capital of the Nation, and is preaching to his people with increasing favor, and with the prospect of much ultimate good. Correspondence is being carried on with a licentiate of the Creek Nation, who was educated by one of our Southern ministers and is highly recommended, which may result in the re-establishment of a mission among a portion of that people.

The labors just referred to have been attended with more encouraging results than have been realised for a number of years past. Many conversions have been reported; backsliders, in greater number, have been reclaimed; and the general attendance upon preaching is much better than it has been since the beginning of the war. The regular reports of the missionaries have failed to reach the Mission Rooms in time to be incorporated with this general report, and hence its meagreness so far as statistical information is concerned.

The great want of the mission, at the present time, is more laborers. The stations formerly occupied by the Rev. Messrs. Byington, Stark, Fiske, and Dr. Hobbs, are all vacant and need to be supplied. The people around these stations are like sheep without a shepherd. They never hear the sound of the gospel, except when visited by ministers from neighboring stations. The call for laborers for this part of the Saviour's vineyard has been repeatedly brought to the attention of ministers, but as yet without a single response. It is once more laid upon their consciences, and it is earnestly hoped that these stations may be occupied during the coming year.

MISSIONS IN FOREIGN LANDS.

The Committee are happy to report that measures have been adopted for the establishment of missions in foreign lands. Miss Christina Ronzone, a native of Italy, but for a number of years past a resident of South Carolina and a member of one of our churches there, sailed for her native country in August last, with the expectation of taking charge of a large Protestant school in the city of Naples. She will act under the general direction of the Waldensian Table or Committee of Missions, but will derive her support from the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions of our Church. This arrangement was thought best in the present disturbed condition of Italy, and is not to be regretted, as it will bring our Church into close fellowship with that of the ancient and venerable Waldenses, who are now actively and successfully engaged in promoting evangelical religion in Italy. A very kind and affectionate letter has just been received from the Rev. Dr. Revel, the Chairman of the Waldensian Table, and will be laid before our readers through the medium of our religious newspapers. Miss Ronzone is eminently fitted for great usefulness by her piety, sound judgment, and very general intelligence.

The Rev. Elias B. Inslee and family sailed for China in June last. Full information was given in the last Annual Report of his previous missionary labors in China, and of the circumstances by which he was brought into connexion with the Committee of Foreign Missions. He took the route by the Isthmus, California, and Japan, as the speediest and most pleasant, and has probably reached his field of labor before the present time. The selection of a particular field of labor will necessarily have to be left very much to himself;

but it is expected that he will settle in the great city of Hanchou. Hanchou is situated about one hundred miles west of Shanghai, is easily accessible from the sea-board, enjoys a healthful location, and is supposed to contain about one million of inhabitants. Mr. Inslee during his previous missionary life spent some time in this place, and is the only missionary, so far as is known, who has ever preached the gospel to that people. It is expected that two young men will be ready to join Mr. Inslee the coming spring, and it is earnestly hoped that the time is not far distant when we shall have a large and flourishing mission in that great empire of sin and darkness.

AID RENDERED BY SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

During the year the Committee sent out an appeal to the Sabbath-schools to secure their co-operation in this great work, especially in sustaining the educational operations that must necessarily be carried on in connexion with it. This appeal has met with a very hearty response, pledges having already been given for the support of forty-five or fifty heathen children. This number can easily be doubled, and the Committee earnestly hope that it will be done the present winter. It is not only a healthful exercise of the benevolence of our children, but will afford very material aid in carrying on the work; and ministers are earnestly urged to call the attention of Sabbath-schools under their care to its great importance.

THE NEED OF MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

The Committee are deeply impressed with the importance of diffusing more missionary intelligence among our people than they have or can command at the present time. Ministers themselves are without the information which it is necessary they should have in order to interest their people in this great work. It is proposed therefore to publish a small and inexpensive magazine that may be sent gratuitously to every minister who has a pastoral charge, and which may be enlarged and have a wider circulation as the circumstances of our churches and people may demand. It is a matter of great importance to the progress of this work that our people observe the usual monthly concert of prayer for the conversion of the world. Whether that time should be the first Sabbath, or the first Monday in the month, should perhaps be left to the convenience of each congregation; but in either case a collection should be taken up in its support. If two missionaries are sent to China the coming spring, and the same number be sent to the Indian country, as is hoped will be the case, there must be a material increase in our missionary receipts. The sum of $20,000 at least will be needed, and this amount can easily be raised, if ministers of the gospel and church sessions will only do their duty in the matter. An average of twenty-five cents to each church member would be sufficient; and surely there can be but few among us, great as our poverty is, who could not give as much as this, if its claims were properly brought to their attention.

On behalf of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions.

J. LEIGHTON WILSON, SECRETARY.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States in account with James Woodrow, Treasurer for Foreign Missions.

DR.

To cash paid missionaries to the Indians	$4,039 94
To cash paid missionary to China, outfit, passage, and salary	5,000 00
To cash paid missionary to Italy	500 00
To cash paid travelling expenses of officers	123 50
To cash paid salaries of officers	1,625 00
To cash paid office expenses	69 40
To cash paid exchange account	40 80
To balance in Treasury, Nov. 1, 1867, (bonds, $1,000; uncurrent bills, $230; currency, $492 98)	1,722 98
	$13,121 62

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By balance in Treasury, Nov. 1, 1866	$1,254 73
By donations from churches and individuals, from Nov. 1, 1866, to Nov. 1, 1867,	10,549 38
By interest on Blair legacy, $120; Morton legacy, $77 51; Simons legacy, $1,120; (bonds, $1,000)	1,317 51
	$13,121 62

We have examined the accounts of Prof. James Woodrow, Treasurer of Foreign Missions, and accompanying vouchers, and have found them correct.

F. W. McMaster, } *Auditing*
L. K. Glasgow, } *Committee.*

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF EDUCATION.

The Executive Committee of Education, in presenting to the General Assembly its Sixth Annual Report, is again called upon to express its regret at the meagre results of its operations during another year. The consequences of the tardy and hesitating action of the General Assembly on the subject of the continuance of this agency of the Church's benevolence, was explained in our last report; and now we have to record the adverse effect of the action of the last Assembly, in appointing the time for taking up the annual collection for this object. The continuance of this Committee had been in peril for two years; and then, after the Assembly had by a decided vote determined on its continuance, the unfortunate action was taken to postpone the collection for this Committee's uses until November, the time at which this report closes. That we should have a very meagre account to render, under such circumstances, was a foregone conclusion.

Agreeably to the order of the Assembly, the Secretary, with the concurrence of the Committee, issued circulars to the Presbyteries, both in the spring and fall, setting forth our wants, calling attention to the action of the Assembly on the subject, and asking for the information requisite to make this annual report. Nearly all the Presbyteries, either at their spring or fall sessions, took action on the subject, appointed corresponding members of this Committee, and exhorted co-operation with it, according to the plan of the Assembly. But the order of the Assembly was, that the annual collection for this object should be taken up on the first of November, or as soon thereafter as practicable. So that the very fidelity and zeal of the Presbyteries in attempting to obey the recommendations of the Assembly has militated, for the time being, against the interests of this Committee, and retarded its work; though we now hope we will soon begin to reap the full benefit thereof.

But the damage was not as great as we feared. The Committee is not authorised by the Assembly to extend aid to any except "candidates;" which word the Committee understood to be used technically, and as applicable alone to students under the care of their Presbyteries. Nor can the Committee extend aid without the recommendation of a Presbytery or its Committee. After the last Assembly, the Presbyteries did not meet till spring, when the college sessions were coming to an end. Hence the number of applications for aid was small until recently, since the opening of the current session of the colleges and seminaries, and the fall meetings of the Presbyteries.

The whole amount of available funds in the treasury during the year was $1,870.59; the whole of which, with the exception of $8.15 spent for stationery and printing, has been appropriated to candidates, and has been promptly forwarded to them. The officers have served without salaries.

The whole number of candidates who have received aid through this Committee has been eighteen, two of whom are now preaching the gospel as licentiates, and the rest of whom are engaged in prosecuting their studies in academies, colleges, and theological seminaries.

We have the gratifying fact to report that no application for aid to any candidate has been properly made which the Committee was not able to grant. But, at the same time, it is candid to confess that we have official knowledge that many applications were withheld because the published receipts showed the smallness of our resources.

The published proceedings of our Presbyteries, as well as official information, lead us to know that heavy claims are about to be made on us for the aid of beloved young brethren, whose hearts God has touched, in a number of our Presbyteries. What response the Church will make to the appeal on behalf of this object which has just been issued, we cannot foresee; but we know that this Committee will be much embarrassed if the response is not more liberal than its appeals have heretofore received.

Our means, it will be seen, are limited—indeed, are at present exhausted—while several of our candidates, whom we have encouraged to look to us for continued assistance, need their remittances immediately, in order to pursue their studies without interruption. And besides those now on our funds, applications are daily coming in from our Presbyteries at their recent meetings, asking for aid for others; and several of these Presbyteries and ministerial brethren in various parts of the Church, report to us that there are many promising young men, in various stages of their education, who would forthwith place themselves under the care of their Presbyteries as candidates for the ministry, if the Committee had the means to aid them. We fear, therefore, that unless the Church generally shall come more fully to realise the magnitude of the work before us, and endeavor to meet promptly the urgent wants of this cause, many promising young men will be compelled to turn their attention to other callings. And yet the field is white to the harvest, and the laborers are few. But how shall they hear without a preacher, and how shall they preach except they be sent?

It is right to say, however, that the work done by this Committee does not exhibit all that the Church has done for ministerial education. Many of our candidates are supported by individual churches, a number of our Presbyteries are attempting to support their own candidates, and some have been supported by the funds of our literary institutions or by special donations.

The Assembly requires of this Committee a summary report of what has been done throughout the Church on this subject; but this we are unable to do in as full a manner as the Assembly expected. In obedience to the Assembly's order, a circular was issued to the Presbyteries, asking the requisite information. But few, however, have as yet responded. If we were to judge the rest of the Church by what these Presbyteries report, it is manifest that a good deal has been done, notwithstanding the pressure of the times.

The following statement embraces all the information, official and unofficial, which we have been able to obtain: That there are two candidates under the care of the Presbytery of Cherokee, and one under the care of the Presbytery of Macon; and that $260 has been appropriated towards their support.

The plan adopted by the last Assembly has met with much favor with the Church, and some of the Presbyteries which had heretofore acted independently have resolved on co-operating with the Assembly, and acting through this Committee. The fact that the Assembly has thrown the whole responsibility for the candidates on the Presbyteries, has removed every just ground of opposition to the existence of the Committee; and the corresponding member which each Presbytery appoints will be the means of drawing the Assembly's Committee and the Presbyteries more closely together, and of establishing a sympathy between them which will secure harmonious co-operation. Thus far the plan has worked well, and we anticipate from it the most favorable results.

There are some questions in the practical working of the scheme which it may be well to submit to the consideration of the Assembly:

1. In some instances, Presbyteries which decline to contribute to the funds of the Committee, but keep their own treasuries separate, and attempt the support of their own candidates, have called on us for assistance. What is the proper course for this Committee to adopt? Are we to render assistance to the Presbytery, or to require that a certain candidate, or certain candidates, shall be taken on our funds; or are we to decline aiding them unless they see proper to unite with the Assembly in its plan of doing this work, through the agency of this Committee? Thus far, we have construed the action of the Assembly literally, and whenever a candidate has been recommended to us by any Presbytery, the appropriation has been made, without any regard to the position of the Presbytery with reference to this Committee. One of the reasons of our acting thus is, that it is a less evil for us to do so than to allow the Church to suffer the consequences of a different course. Sometimes not only Presbyteries, but churches, undertake this independent course; and on finding themselves unable to fulfil the trust, they turn to begging elsewhere; and the consequence is, that benevolent individuals outside of the Church have been unduly importuned to contribute to local and private undertakings, which results in their withholding from the Church itself the aid which they otherwise would spontaneously extend to its great enterprises, and thus the Church is injured and its respectability impaired. Nor is this the only objection to such a course; for it is a poor commentary on church unity when any of our Presbyteries or churches show a stronger disposition to trust to outside resources rather than to make common cause in its efforts with their own Church. The whole tendency of such movements is hence in the direction of disintegration and independency; and though the Assembly is undoubtedly right in allowing of this independent action, the question is, should it be encouraged?

2. Should candidates, in any circumstances, be allowed to give their notes or obligations for the aid they receive? This question arose on the case of a young brother who has a small amount of property which is at present unproductive. He wishes to finish his studies promptly, but could not make his resources available for that object, and hence an application on his behalf came before the Committee for a loan, to be paid when his property should become available. This case is a different one from that of a man who is without resources, but still it involves the same general principle in some degree. What the Church needs, and, if she accomplishes her mission, what she must have, is a consecrated ministry—a pioneering ministry, full of the evangelistic spirit. But if our beloved youth are helped into the sacred office in such a manner that they begin their professional career burdened with debt, instead of looking for fields of usefulness, they will be inquiring after the fattest salaries; instead of inquiring where the Church ought to elevate her banner and push onward her conquests, he will be inquiring after the best prospect for money; instead of seeking out the poor and the perishing, he will be seeking after rich churches or wealthy communities, and no longer will the poor have the gospel preached to them; and as to the perishing heathen and the waste places of Zion, so far as our young brethren are concerned who would come out of the seminary in debt, if the Macedonian cry should reach them, they could not give the ready response of Paul, but must needs first look after barn and merchandise. This, it seems to your Committee, is not the sort of a ministry we need,

and hence we have given the young brother the money he required, leaving it to his own conscience when and how he shall pay the Church for it.

3. Are we ever to make appropriations to cover past expenses of young men after they have finished their course? We have now before us the case of a brother who has finished his studies, has entered the ministry, has even been ordained, and has found the right field of labor, where he is content and can be supported. But in prosecuting his studies he got behindhand, and entered the ministry $300 in debt. The prospect now is that he will be compelled to lay aside his work, secularize himself, and proceed to the business of making money until this debt is paid. When that is done, is it to be supposed that his heart will be in his great work as it was before?—that he will have the same spirit of consecration and self-denial? These facts would rather favor the opposite conclusion, and render it doubtful whether any man ought to be allowed to enter the ministry at all while he is in debt; for the form of installation itself requires the congregation to give the pastor a salary sufficient to free him from worldly cares and avocations. But assuredly no man can be thus free with the burden of debt resting on his conscience and harassing him during his waking and his sleeping hours.

All which is respectfully submitted, by order of the Committee.

E. T. BAIRD, SECRETARY OF EDUCATION.

TREASURER'S REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Report of Chas. Gennet, Treasurer of Education of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

The Treasurer of Education reports receipts for the year ending October 31st, 1867, to be as follows, namely:

By balance from late Treasurer	$ 213 16
Donations from November 1st, 1866, to October 31st, 1867	1,657 43
Amount to be accounted for	$1,870 59

DISBURSEMENTS.

Stationery and Printing	$ 15	
Appropriations to students	1,862 00	
Balance	44	$1,870 59

CHAS. GENNET, TREASURER.

The undersigned, charged with that duty by the Education Committee of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, having examined the accounts of the Treasurer, find them correct, and that the balance in his hands, on the 1st of November, 1867, was 44 cents.

J. M. HERNDON, } *Committee.*
B. R. WELLFORD, JR., }

REPORT OF THE FACULTY OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT COLUMBIA, S. C.

The Faculty of the Theological Seminary at Columbia present to the General Assembly the following as their thirty-ninth annual report:

The whole number of students in attendance during the year has been fourteen, viz.:

Of the old Students

IN THE SENIOR CLASS.

A. W. Gaston, of Georgia, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Charleston.

IN THE MIDDLE CLASS.

W. W. Mills, of South Carolina, a candidate of the Presbytery of Harmony.

S. F. Tenney, of Georgia, a candidate of the Presbytery of Hopewell.

The following eleven new students have been received during the present session, viz.:

A. P. Nicholson, of South Carolina, a candidate of the Presbytery of South Carolina, who was present as an irregular student during a portion of last term.

W. W. Brimm, of Georgia, a candidate of the Presbytery of Atlanta.

B. L. Baker, " " " " Florida.

P. Gowan, Jr., of South Carolina, candidate of the Presbytery of Charleston.

John L. Wilson, of Tennessee, a candidate of the Presbytery of Bethel.

Wm. N. Dickey, of Steel Creek church, Presbytery of Concord.

John B. McKinnon, of North Carolina, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Fayetteville.

A. J. Davis, of North Carolina, of Philadelphia church, Presbytery of Concord.

C. M. Richards, of Arkansas, a candidate of the Presbytery of Bethel.

W. R. Atkinson, of South Carolina, a candidate of the Presbytery of South Carolina.

John Law, of Tennessee, a candidate of the Presbytery of Memphis.

Of these students Mr. Richards was a member of the Junior Class of 1861–62, passed through the examination of that term, and has re-entered the Junior Class of the present year. Mr. Law is engaged in preparatory studies, and will be enrolled with the Junior Class of the next term. Mr. A. W. Gaston has completed the course of study required by the Constitution of the Seminary, and has received the usual certificate.

The health of the students has been good with the exception of that of Mr. Davis, who has been compelled to suspend his studies for a season. Their attendance upon the exercises of the Seminary has been punctual and faithful; a hearty diligence has been manifested in study; their progress in knowledge and self-discipline has been worthy of commendation; and the tone of piety prevailing among them has been such as to cheer and encourage the hearts of the Faculty.

The exercises of the Seminary have been conducted with regularity during the term, with the exception of those interruptions occurring through the occasional ill health of two of the professors. Dr. Plumer's election took place on the 23rd of November, 1866, but by the wrong direction of letters, official information of his appointment did not reach him till the middle of December. His arrangements to enter upon the duties of his office were made with great promptitude. He reached the Seminary on the 16th of January, 1867, on the following day delivered his opening lecture, and has met the several classes nine times a week through the remainder of the term. In addition to the topics of his own immediate professorship, those of Pastoral Theology have been devolved upon him, while to Dr. Adger has been assigned, in addition to his own branches, that of Homiletics. Previous to the arrival of Dr. Plumer, the studies of the Senior and Middle classes in Theology were under the direction of Dr. Howe, and on the Evidences under that of Dr. Woodrow. The other departments have been conducted substantially as in former years.

The students now in attendance at the Seminary promise to be useful and

earnest laborers in the ministry of the gospel. There is an encouraging prospect of a further increase in their numbers during the coming year, and we rely upon the hearty support of the Church, with the divine blessing, to restore the institution to its former prosperity.

GEO. HOWE, CHAIRMAN.

Columbia, S. C., May 21, 1867.

POSTSCRIPT.—The Faculty beg leave to add to the preceding Report, that since the opening of the term on the third Monday in September, the following students have entered the Seminary, viz.:

J. Lawrence Caldwell, a candidate of the Presbytery of Bethel.
L. K. Glasgow, a candidate of the Presbytery of South Carolina.
J. W. Heath, of Rome, Georgia.
J. F. Latimer, a candidate of the Presbytery of South Carolina.
J. L. Martin, " " " " Harmony.
J. S. Moore, " " " " Tuskaloosa.
S. M. Richardson, a licensed preacher of the Baptist Church.
W. Cuttino Smith, a candidate of the Presbytery of South Carolina.

Mr. Davis has been prevented from returning to the Seminary by ill health. The number now attending upon its exercises is twenty-one, with the prospect of further additions. The Synod of South Carolina have pledged themselves to raise $2.000 in money or provisions, during the current year, for the support of the Professors. The Synod of Georgia has ordered collections to be taken up in its churches during the next three months for the same purpose. It is hoped that other Synods, not otherwise pledged, will aid the Seminary until the deficiency in its endowments shall be made up. Satisfactory arrangements have been made for the boarding of the students which add greatly to their comfort, and diminish the expense of the same fully one-fourth.

By order of the Faculty,

GEO. HOWE, CHAIRMAN.

Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C., November 13th, 1867.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States:

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia beg leave to submit this their Fourth Annual Report of the state and condition of the Seminary.

The Board met at the Seminary on Tuesday evening, the 21st May, 1867, for the purpose of transacting the business of the corporation and attending the examination of the students. They entered at once upon the performance of their duties, and with diligence continued therein, with suitable intervals, until their work was done.

The Report of the Faculty, which was read to the Board, and which will be submitted to your respected body, gives a full statement of the mode and extent of instruction given, and is entirely satisfactory. It will be seen from it that there were fourteen students in the institution during the session; that they were orderly and diligent in study; that every department of instruction prescribed in the constitution has been resumed, and the duties thereof seem to be discharged with fidelity. The department of the vacant Professorship has been divided and distributed amongst the four Professors, and the duties thereof performed with cheerfulness and efficiency.

The buildings of the seminary are constructed of brick; are of a permanent character; have been built at a heavy cost, and are of great value. In the main, they are in good condition, and sufficient to accommodate ninety or one hundred students.

The library is large—the number of volumes exceeds 18,000, collected with discriminating judgment with a view to their worth. The Librarian, Dr. Howe, has bestowed much attention upon it. It is in regular order, and the books well cared for. It is to be regretted that recent publications of value cannot, for want of means, be added to it.

The funds which were invested, as shown in the last annual report, remain in the same condition that they were in then. The sum of $16,073.24 has been added to the permanent fund since the last report. This was contributed by friends of the institution, and has been invested in City of Mobile Bonds and private securities, believed to be well secured. Although the amount is small, we should be thankful for this much for one year, and should accept it as evidence that He whose right it is to rule is still mindful of this institution, and as a token of what we may expect when the country shall once more be blessed with peace and prosperity.

The salaries and current expenses of the Seminary are pressing and hard to meet. The report of your Treasurer, herewith submitted, shows a deficiency of $4,040.93 to pay the salaries of the Professors up to the 1st July, 1867. The prospective view of the means and wants for the next year shows a still larger deficiency. This we trust will be supplied by the Church. While some of the churches have done well, many of them have done little or nothing. The Board has not lost all hope of meeting these wants from contributions of the churches and liberal-minded individuals, and have resolved to persevere in the plan commenced a year ago.

The examination of the students, which occupied two days, was conducted by the instructors, in the presence of the Board, with which the Board were well pleased. It was highly creditable both to the Professors and the young candidates for the ministry; exhibiting learning and ability on the one part, and diligence on the other.

The Board feels it a duty to present in this report some of the many advantages of this Seminary. The Faculty is composed of able and experienced men; the library is large and varied. The location at Columbia has great advantages over almost any other place. The society is refined; the climate is mild in winter and pleasant in summer. The place is remarkable for its good health; is accessible by railroad communication in every direction. Few institutions of learning have equal advantages with this. Students from the whole church are invited to come to it.

The Rev. Dr. Plumer, the Professor elected by the last Assembly to fill the chair of Didactic and Polemic Theology, entered promptly upon the duties of his office. We have reason to be thankful for his appointment. He brings with him to this responsible position the acquisitions of much previous preparation, the fruits of enlarged, thorough, and laborious study, and extensive experience in the way of teaching. Since entering upon the duties of his department in January last, he has prosecuted them with great energy and without interruption to the close of the session, giving the greatest satisfaction both to his associates and the young men under his instruction. We cannot but regard him as a precious gift from the great Head of the Church in a time of urgent need, and we confidently believe that, if his valued life is spared, he will be made the honored instrument of doing much to restore our beloved Seminary to its former prosperity and influence. He is earnestly commended to the confidence of our Christian people at large. The Board would respectfully suggest that it devolves upon the General Assembly to make arrangements for the inauguration of the said Professor.

All which is respectfully submitted, by order of the Board.

THOS. C. PERRIN, CHAIRMAN.

Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C., May 23, 1867.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, COLUMBIA, S. C.

H. Muller, Treasurer, in account with Theological Seminary of Synod of South Carolina and Georgia.

DR.

1866.			
Dec.	31	To balance in cash from former Treasurer,	29 31
		eighteen Coupons City Mobile Bonds, account of Perkins Professorship, from former Treasurer, $40 each,	720 00
1867.			
Jan.	7	To First Presbyterian Church, New Orleans, per Dr. Howe,	310 55
		John and Harriet English's note, interest,	420 00
		two Coupons Spartanburg and Union Railroad Co., $17.50 each,	35 00
		one Coupon Charlotte and South Carolina Railroad Co.,	17 50
		three Coupons Greenville and Columbia Railroad Co., $17.50 each,	52 50
		six Coupons City of Savannah Bonds—four $35 each, two $17.50 each,	175 00
		nine Coupons State of South Carolina Bonds, $30 each,	270 00
		thirty Coupons City of Mobile Bonds, Perkins Professorship, $40 each,	1,200 00
Jan.	11	To Abbeville Church, through Dr. Adger,	25 00
		Government Street Church, through Dr. Woodrow,	120 00
		J. A. Ansley, Augusta, Ga., thank offering, " "	100 00
		cash, through Dr. Howe,	254 60
Jan.	21	To Perrin and Cothran, account of Bull Legacy,	248 45
Jan.	22	To Ladies' Sewing Society, Camden, S. C., per Dr. Howe,	30 00
Jan.	24	To Lafayette Presbyterian Church, New Orleans, per Dr. Howe,	60 00
Jan.	29	To G. M. Thew, Agent, interest,	230 50
Feb.	4	To G. M. Thew, Agent, interest,	199 50
Feb.	7	To dividends on 33 shares Farmer's and Planter's Bank, Baltimore,	49 25
Feb.	12	To Dr. Stratton's Church, Natchez, Mississippi,	190 00
Feb.	13	To Fair Forest Church,	30 00
		Grindal Shoals Church,	6 00
Feb.	16	To Ladies' Sewing Society, Camden, S. C.,	50 00
Feb.	23	To Concord Church, Synod of Mississippi,	12 00
		Camden Church, " "	8 00
		Mount Moriah Church, " "	10 00
		Lexington Church, " "	40 00
		Upper Greenwood Church, " "	15 00
		Forest Grove Church, " "	15 00
		Canton Church, " "	50 00
		Zion Church, Glebe Street, Charleston, S. C.,	20 00
		Mrs. S. E. Hemphill, Arkansas, in gold,	10 00
Feb.	28	To Flemington Church, Liberty county, Georgia,	13 35
March	8	To Gainesville Church, Tuskaloosa Presbytery,	50 00
		Bethsalem Church, Tuskaloosa Presbytery,	15 00
March	20	To James Adger & Co., interest,	339 74
April	11	To sundry churches and persons, through Prof. James Woodrow,	355 50
April	13	To dividends on fifteen shares Telegraph Stock to January 1, 1867,	22 50
April	29	To sundry churches, through Dr. Adger,	177 85
April	30	To Purity Church, Chester, through Dr. Howe,	32 65
May	15	To Tuskaloosa Presbytery, through Dr. Woodrow,	100 00
		Cheraw Church, Harmony Presbytery, " "	30 00
		Bethel Church, Bethel Presbytery, " "	21 00
		Augusta Church, Hopewell Presbytery, " "	405 00
		Mount Zion Church, Tuskaloosa Presbytery, " "	20 00
May	17	To Fairview Church, South Alabama Presbytery, " "	15 00
		Mt. Pleasant Church, " " " " "	8 00
		Adams Grove Church, " " " " "	15 00
		Camden Church, " " " " "	15 00
		Shell Creek Church, " " " " "	12 00
		Valley Creek Church, " " " " "	13 25
		Selma Church, " " " " "	70 00
		Marion Church, " " " " "	50 00
			$6,694 00
May	17	To balance,	$2,352 51

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1867.			
Jan.	5	By A. Palmer's bill and receipt for tin box,	4 50
		J. J. McCarter's bill and receipt for pocket book and stationery,	4 34
Jan.	9	By exchange in check from First Presbyterian Church, New Orleans,	80
		expenses of Rev. Messrs. Flinn, Dickson, and Wilson, in attending meeting of Board of Directors of Theological Seminary,	26 90
Jan.	11	By Dr. Howe, account for salary to 1st January, 1867, coupons $237.50, and cash $550,	787 50
		Dr. Adger, account for salary to 1st January, 1867, coupons $242.50, and cash $550,	792 50
Jan.	29	By Express freight on package from G. M. Thew,	50
Jan.	31	By Dr. Howe, account for salary to 1st January, 1867,	270 00
		Dr. Adger, account for salary to 1st January, 1867,	270 00
Feb.	4	By Dr. Leland, account for salary to 1st January, 1867, cash $230, and coupons $70,	300 00
Feb.	8	By Dr. Howe, for repairs to Seminary Buildings,	15 00
March	1	By expenses for Express on Bonds sent from Mobile,	12 95

April	1—By H. Muller, Treasurer, salary to 1st April,		50 00
	Dr. Howe, account for salary to 1st April, 1867,		300 00
	Dr. Adger, account for salary to 1st April, 1867,		300 00
	Dr. Plumer, account for salary to 1st April, 1867,		300 00
April	13—By Dr. Howe, account for salary to 1st April, 1867,		100 00
April	25—By Dr. Howe, for repairs at Seminary,		5 00
May	15—By Express freight,		1 50
May	26—By Dr. Howe, account for salary to 1st April, 1867,		200 00
	Dr. Plumer, account for salary to 1st April, 1867,		200 00
	Dr. Adger, account for salary to 1st April, 1867,		300 00
	Balance,		$2,352 51
			$6,694 00
	Coupons, account of Perkins Professorship,	$1,920 00	
	Cash,	432 51	
		$2,352 51	

Amount due Dr. Howe for salary from 1st April, '66, to 1st April, '67,		3,000 00
Amount due Dr. Adger " " " "		3,000 00
Amount due Dr. Leland, " " "		800 00
Amount due Dr. Plumer, from 1st Jan., '67, to 1st April, '67,		750 00
		$7,550 00
Paid Dr. Howe,	$1,822 03	
Paid Dr. Adger,	1,827 03	
Paid Dr. Leland,	300 00	
Paid Dr. Plumer,	600 00—	4,549 06
Balance due April 1, 1867,		$3,000 94
Amount due Dr. Howe 1st April, 1867,	$750 00	
Amount due Dr. Adger "	750 00	
Amount due Dr. Plumer, "	750 00	
Amount due Dr. Leland, "	200 00—	2,450 00
		$5,450 94
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	$432 50	
Interest due 1st July, '67,	977 50—	2,450 00
Due 1st July, '67,		$4,040 93

EDUCATION ACCOUNT.

DR.

1867.

Feb. 6—To balance in cash from former Treasurer,		$49 50
To twelve coupons City of Mobile Bonds, $40 each, from former Treasurer,		480 00
Feb. 7—To dividends 100 shares Farmer's and Planter's Bank, Baltimore,		149 25
Feb. 8—To Zion Church, Charleston, per Dr. Howe,		22 90
Feb. 23—To Rev. J. Simpson Frierson, Tennessee, per Dr. Woodrow,		5 00
March 7—To a Lady, through Dr. Adger,		50 00
April 29—To Roberts Church, through Dr. Adger,		10 00
May 15—To Philos, Sumter, S. C., through Dr. Woodrow,		30 00
		$1596 65

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By amount paid Students, by Dr. Howe's order,		271 00
Balance to debit H. Muller, Treasurer,		$1,325 65
Coupons,	$480 00	
Cash,	845 65	
	$1,325 65	

STOCK ACCOUNT.

4 7 per cent. Bonds City of Savannah, one thousand dollars each, interest due 1st June,	$245 00
2 7 per cent. Bonds City of Savannah, five hundred dollars each, interest due 1st June,	35 00
8 8 per cent. Bonds City of Mobile, interest due 1st July,	320 00
15 shares Washington and New Orleans Telegraph Co., dividends due 1st July,	22 50
33 shares Farmer's and Planter's Bank, Baltimore, dividends due 1st July, say	50 00
3 Bonds Greenville and Columbia R. R. Co., five hundred dollars each, past due,	
3 Bonds Greenville and Columbia Railroad Co., five hundred dollars each, int. due 1st July,	52 50
Note of John and Harriet English, six thousand dollars, interest due Dec. 20, '67,	
1 Bond Charlotte and South Carolina R. R. Co., five hundred dollars, int. due 1st July,	17 50
3 Bonds " " " " " " " each, past due,	
2 Bonds Spartanburg and Union R. R. Co., five hundred dollars each, int. due July 10, '67,	35 00
Note of Dr. Howe, one hundred and seventy-two dollars and seventy-one cts, Nov. 1, '66,	
5 Bonds City of Mobile, one thousand dollars each, interest due 1st July, 1867,	200 00
	$977 50
Adams & Frost's note, guaranteed by James Adger & Co., 9,207 74	
Adams & Frost's note, guaranteed by James Adger & Co., 1,692 79	

HENRY MULLER, Treasurer.

Columbia, May 20, 1867.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO CONFER CONCERNING UNION WITH CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

MEMPHIS, TENN., November 13, 1867.

To the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, at Nashville, Tenn.:

DEAR BROTHER: Our last General Assembly, at Memphis, adopted the following recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, viz.: "That a Committee of five be appointed by this Assembly to confer with any similar Committee on the part of the Cumberland Presbyterian Assembly, to ascertain how far the way is prepared for an organic union between the two bodies upon the basis of the Westminster Standards." I was appointed chairman of that Committee, and on conferring with the chairman of the Committee appointed by the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Rev. S. G. Burney, D. D., it was agreed to hold a joint meeting of the two Committees, in Memphis, on the 5th day of August. That meeting was accordingly held, and the spirit and results of that meeting may be ascertained from the minutes, a certified copy of which I herewith transmit to you by the hands of our beloved brother, A. H. Kerr, D. D. As our whole powers as a Committee were embraced in the words of the resolution of the Assembly, "*to ascertain how far the way is prepared for an organic union between the two bodies, upon the basis of the Westminster Standards,*" it does not seem needful to make any other report than is involved in these minutes. They speak for themselves, and show clearly "*how far the way is prepared for an organic union.*" That you may have the guidance of God's Holy Spirit in your deliberations on this important matter, and on all other matters connected with the interests and prosperity of our beloved Zion, is the earnest prayer of

Yours truly, in the Lord Jesus,

J. O. STEDMAN.

MEMPHIS, TENN., Monday, Aug. 5th, 1867, 10 o'clock, A. M.

According to previous arrangement between the respective chairmen, the Committees on Organic Union appointed by the Presbyterian Church in the United States, at her General Assembly in November, 1866, and by the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at her General Assembly in May, 1867, met in the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church in this city.

Of the Committee of the Presbyterian Church, there were present, Rev. J. O. Stedman, D. D., *Chairman*, Rev. A. H. Kerr, D. D., and Rev. T. D. Witherspoon. Absent, Rev. J. H. Gray, D. D., Rev. J. N. Waddel, D. D., and Rev. J. A. Lyon, D. D.

Of the Committee of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, there were present, Rev. S. G. Burney, D. D., *Chairman*, Rev. A. J. Baird, D. D., and Rev. J. W. Poindexter. Absent, Rev. R. Burrow, D. D., Rev. M. Bird, D. D., and Rev. LeRoy Woods.

On motion of Dr. Burney, Dr. Stedman was appointed Chairman of the Joint Committee, and Dr. Baird, Clerk.

The meeting was opened by singing the 137th Psalm, 3rd part, and prayer by the Rev. J. W. Poindexter.

After some very pleasant interchange of Christian sentiment as to the object of this conference, Drs. Stedman and Baird were appointed a committee, and reported the following preamble and resolutions for the guidance and government of this conference, which were unanimously adopted:

As Committees appointed by our respective General Assemblies to take into consideration the grave and important subject of organic union, we recommend for your adoption the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That we believe that the glory of God in the strengthening and edification of the Church and the salvation of sinners, would be greatly promoted by the union of these churches. It would greatly extend the usefulness

of the means which are now employed in the Church to accomplish its purposes:

First. The same Schools and Boards would supply both denominations, if united, that are now employed by each one separately.

Second. In many of our smaller towns and villages we are trying to sustain two ministers and churches where there is not more ability than would sustain one.

Resolved, 2. That we believe that these Churches, being both Presbyterian, the same in government, and the doctrines of both being based upon the Westminster Standards, should at once unite, unless the differences between them are indeed insurmountable.

Resolved, 3. That all formal statements of differences between these committees shall be reduced to writing, and a correct copy of the same shall be furnished to each committee, with a full copy of the minutes of all these meetings, certified by the chairmen of the respective committees, to be used by them as they may deem best.

J. O. STEDMAN. } Com.
A. J. BAIRD, }

On motion, the Joint Committee took recess until 3 o'clock p. m.

3 o'clock, P. M.

Members present as in the forenoon. Rev. J. H. Gray, D. D., of the Committee of the Presbyterian Church, appeared and took his seat in the conference.

Three members of the Committee of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church being absent, the Rev. B. W. McDonnold, D. D. LL.D., being present, was invited by the members present of said Committee, and admitted by the courtesy of the other Committee, to take part in the deliberations.

Dr. Gray offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That each committee now retire and consult among themselves, and prepare each a statement of the conditions upon which they believe an organic union may be effected between the two Churches, and report to-morrow at 10 o'clock, a. m.

Closed with prayer by the Chairman.

TUESDAY, August 6th, 1867, 10 o'clock, A. M.

Joint Committee met; members present as on yesterday. Opened with singing and prayer by Dr. McDonnold.

Rev. J. N. Waddel, D. D., of the Committee of Presbyterian Church, appeared and took his seat in the conference.

The Committees of the two Churches each presented a paper in accordance with the resolution offered yesterday by Dr. Gray.

The paper of the Presbyterian Committee was read by Dr. Stedman, and is as follows:

PAPER NO. 1 OF PRESBYTERIAN COMMITTEE.

The Committee of Conference of the Presbyterian Church, would respectfully present to the Joint Committee of the two Churches the following statement of the basis upon which, as we think, an organic union of the two bodies may be effected.

1. It is known to the brethren of both Churches that the original separation between the two bodies took place in a time of great religious awakening, and consequently of great mental excitement. In such a time there is a natural tendency in the minds of men to extremes, and even the best men do not act with the same sober judgment and the same prayerful deliberation, as when under less exciting influences. The issue was made with us by the fathers of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church upon the grounds, as the records of both Churches show: 1. That in our doctrinal standards, "The idea of fatality is taught under the high and mysterious name of election and reprobation;" and, 2. That the discipline of the Church is too rigid in requiring in every case a definite amount of literary education as a prerequisite to ministerial ordina-

tion. The Committee are of opinion that upon the last of these points there is no difference between us; that whatever may have been the views and the policy of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in that early day, and under the exigencies of the times, the sentiment of the Church is now unanimous as to the necessity of an educated ministry, in the sense in which our standards make it obligatory. Upon the first point, the Committee think that, while there are probably some phrases in our doctrinal symbols which are liable to misconstruction, and which in the exciting times to which we refer were misconstrued and thought to teach the idea of fatalism; yet now that the excitement has all passed away and time has been given for calm and dispassionate investigation, our brethren of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church have been brought to see that it was not the design of our Confession to teach the doctrine of fatalism; that the language of even the disputed passages does not, when fairly interpreted, contain it, and that in many other passages both the free agency of the creature and the contingency of second causes are distinctly asserted; so that upon this point there remains no reason why a union between us should not be effected.

2. Such being the state of the points originally at issue, and feeling that a union of the two bodies on some harmonious basis would tend greatly to the promotion of the glory of God and the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom, we would, as the representatives of the mother Church, from which our brethren withdrew, most cordially invite them to form a union with us upon the basis of the old standards as they were held by their fathers and ours previous to the separation, the same liberty in the construction of those standards to be given as was then allowed and has since been given in the union of the Old School and New School bodies in the South.

3. We propose that all ministers in regular standing in either of the Churches shall be enrolled as ministers in the united Church, that all Presbyteries entitled to representation in either Assembly shall be entitled to the same representation in the joint Assembly, and that to this Assembly shall be assigned the duty of consolidating and arranging the Presbyteries and Synods of the united Church.

4. We propose that all the funds and all the church property, the schools, colleges, and the theological seminaries of the two Churches, with all their missionary operations, shall be under the control of the General Assembly—constituted as above, and that to this Assembly shall be referred all questions appertaining to the distribution and conduct of the same.

J. O. STEDMAN, CHAIRMAN.

The paper of the Cumberland Presbyterian Committee was read by Dr. Burney, and is as follows:

PAPER NO. 1 OF CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN COMMITTEE.

In consideration of the advantages of organic union between the two Churches, we, the Committee representing the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, consent to surrender our preference on the following points of difference:

1. We consent to surrender our name. In this we simply consent to make no distinctive history for the future.

2. We consent to surrender our standards on the subject of ministerial education, and to adopt those of the Presbyterian Church, or such standards as may be mutually acceptable.

3. We consent to accept the standards of the Presbyterian Church on all points of difference in the Form of Government, Discipline, and Directory, or such modification of them as may be mutually acceptable.

As a condition precedent to these concessions, we respectfully ask that the Confession of Faith and Catechism of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church shall be adopted instead of the Confession of Faith and Catechism of the Presbyterian Church.

Or, as an alternative to the above, we agree to adopt the Confession of Faith and Catechism of the Presbyterian Church modified substantially according to the indications given in a paper herewith submitted.

Or, if it shall appear more satisfactory to our brethren of the Presbyterian Church, we consent to a new compilation upon the basis of the Westminster Standards, which new compilation shall exclude all phraseology and modes of expression which can be plausibly construed to favor the idea of fatality or necessity.

We also respectfully ask that in the union of the two Churches the amicable adjustment of the political and sectional issues touching slavery and rebellion made by the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in May, 1867, shall be accepted.

PAPER ACCOMPANYING ABOVE.

Chapter III. Of God's Eternal Decrees.

SECTION 1. God did from all eternity adopt the whole plan of his creation and providence with a full knowledge of all the events which would transpire therein, including the sins of men and angels. These events he determined either to bring to pass by his own direct and absolute agency, or to permit them to come to pass in view of the results which his bounding and overruling providence would bring out of the whole plan.

SEC. 2. According to the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, he did from all eternity elect to salvation all true believers in Jesus Christ. This election was perfectly definite as to the persons elected and also as to their number; and God did in like manner from eternity reprobate to eternal perdition all that finally reject Jesus Christ, and this reprobation was also definite as to person and number.

SEC. 3. Those of mankind that are predestinated unto life, God, before the foundation of the world was laid, according to his eternal and immutable purpose and the secret counsel and good pleasure of his will, hath chosen in Christ unto everlasting glory, out of mere free grace and love, all to the praise of his glorious grace.

SEC. 4. As God hath appointed the elect unto glory, so hath he by the eternal and most free purpose of his will, foreordained all the means thereunto. Wherefore they who are elected, being fallen in Adam, are redeemed by Christ, are effectually called unto faith in Christ by his Spirit working in due season, are justified, adopted, sanctified, and kept by his power through faith unto salvation.

SEC. 5. The doctrine of this high mystery of predestination is to be handled with special prudence and care that men attending the will of God revealed in his word and yielding obedience thereunto, may from a certainty of their vocation be assured of their eternal election; so shall this doctrine afford matter of praise, reverence, and admiration of God, and of humility, diligence, and abundant consolation to all that sincerely obey the gospel.

We make the same references which are made in the Presbyterian Confession of Faith, with the addition of 1 Peter, first chapter, second verse, and Romans eighth chapter and twenty-ninth verse.

Of Chapter V. we offer the following modification for section fourth.

SEC. 4. The almighty power, unsearchable wisdom, and infinite goodness of God, so far manifest themselves in his providence that it extendeth itself not only to those acts which God absolutely decrees, but also to those which he permits, joining with it a most wise and powerful bounding and otherwise ordering and governing them in a manifold dispensation to his own holy ends.

Chapter 8. We offer the following as a substitute for section eight.

SEC. 8. Although Jesus Christ tasted death for every man according to the Scriptures, yet the benefits of this death are savingly applied to those only who are chosen unto life through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth; but to all those thus chosen these benefits are so applied as to insure their eternal salvation.

We offer the tenth chapter in the Cumberland Presbyterian Confession of Faith, instead of the tenth chapter in the Presbyterian Confession of Faith.

In chapter seventeen we offer this change in section second. Substitute for the phrase "not upon their own free will," the phrase "not upon their own ability or merit."

Finally, we propose to modify certain expressions in the Catechisms so as to make them correspond with the changes indicated in reference to the Confession of Faith.

On motion of Dr. Gray, the Joint Committee took recess, so that each separate committee might retire and examine the papers of the other.

12 o'clock, M.

Joint Committee met. Dr. Stedman read paper No. 2 of the Presbyterian Committee, which is as follows:

PAPER NO. 2 OF PRESBYTERIAN COMMITTEE.

The Committee of the Presbyterian Church submit to the Joint Committee the following statements:

After a full and careful examination of the paper presented by the Committee of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, we are gratified to find that the obstacles to organic union are not at the outset of as formidable a nature as we had feared they might be, and we by no means despair of the ultimate accomplishment of a union so desirable.

In reference to the specific points contained in the paper under consideration, we would say that the concessions of our brethren contained in the first part of their paper are all that in these respects we could desire.

In reference to the modifications proposed by our brethren in the Confession of Faith and Catechisms of our Church, we would say that there are some of the changes proposed which are merely of a verbal nature, and which we believe we are warranted in saying that our Church would be willing to accept; but there are other changes proposed, so fundamental in their character, that we would not be able to act upon them without further instructions from the General Assembly of our Church.

J. O. STEDMAN, Chairman.

On motion of Dr. Kerr, the Joint Committee took recess to 3 o'clock p. m.

3 o'clock, P. M.

Joint Committee met; members present as in forenoon.

Dr. McDonnold read paper No. 2 of the Cumberland Presbyterian Committee, as follows:

We submit to the Joint Committee our reply to paper No. 2 of the Presbyterian Committee: We are greatly gratified with the spirit of liberality shown in this paper. While it assures us that some of the verbal modifications we suggested would be made, it suggests that part of our paper asks for changes involving doctrinal points too important to be responded to without reference to the General Assembly. Therefore, we propose that that Committee refer these papers to their General Assembly, and ascertain there how far that body would be willing to go in the direction indicated in these papers.

We take this occasion to express our gratification with the spirit in which these interviews have all been conducted, and we now express our hope that the differences existing between the two Churches are not sufficient to keep us long apart. S. G. BURNEY, Chairman.

Dr. Stedman read paper No. 3 of the Presbyterian Committee, in reply to paper No. 2 of the Cumberland Presbyterian Committee, as follows:

The Committee of the Presbyterian Church, in reply to paper No. 2 of the Cumberland Presbyterian Committee, would simply say, that in their opinion they have now proceeded as far as the appointment of our General Assembly justifies, and we therefore recommend that we now close our conference. We would also unite in the hope that the result of the joint conference will be to bind us more closely in the bonds of Christian fellowship, and ultimately in such a union upon a common basis as will be for the glory of God, and our united permanent interest and prosperity.

J. O. STEDMAN, Chairman.

Dr. Gray offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, 1. That this Joint Committee now close its conferences, and that its minutes be referred by each Committee to its own General Assembly.

Resolved, 2. That we return our thanks to Almighty God for the manner in which these interviews have been conducted.

Resolved, 3. That we go hence bearing with us grateful and prayerful recollections of each other, and earnestly praying the Lord to pour out his Spirit upon the Churches which we here represent; and we do pray him to grant, if it be consistent with his will, that these Churches may soon come together in one body.

On motion of Dr. Waddel, the Joint Committee now engaged in fervent prayer and thanksgiving, in conformity with the spirit of the above resolutions, led by the Rev. J. W. Poindexter.

After reading and approval of the minutes as recorded, on motion of Dr. Kerr, the Joint Committee adjourned *sine die*.

Closed with prayer by the Chairman. S. G. BURNEY,
Chairman of Committee on part of Cumberland Pres. Church.

A. J. BAIRD, Clerk.

LETTER FROM THE REV. JAMES A. LYON, D. D.

COLUMBUS, MISS., July 16, 1867.

Rev. James O. Stedman, D. D.

MY DEAR BROTHER: Your letter, as Chairman of the General Assembly's Committee on Union with the Cumberland Presbyterians, notifying me that a meeting of said Committee would take place in the city of Memphis on the first Monday of August, has been received.

It will be out of my power to be present on that occasion, as I have other arrangements that will prevent it. This I sincerely regret, as I should much like to hear the views of my brethren on the subject of so very important and grave a measure as organic union with our Cumberland Presbyterian brethren, many of whom I greatly esteem, and some of whom would be an ornament to any Church.

Coalescence with that body would greatly swell our numbers, or rather theirs, as, if I have been correctly informed, their numbers considerably exceed ours, so that in the union contemplated we should join *them*, not they *us*. Their element would decidedly preponderate in the united body. This, however, is not to be taken into the account, provided we are homogeneous in other respects. Are we? This is a vital question. We doubtless are sufficiently alike to live side by side, and to dwell together in peace and harmony as neighbors. But are we sufficiently alike to become one organic body, and especially when we should be merged into them, and lose our individuality and preponderating influence? This I greatly doubt.

So far as what are called the *doctrines* are concerned, of course there can be no other *basis* of union except our "Confession of Faith." As to Presbyterian *church order* and *polity*, perhaps we may be said to be one on that subject, although our *practice*, in some instances, is widely different. But so far as the *qualifications* of the ministry are concerned, we differ materially. This, as you know, was the original cause of their separation from us. Here are obstacles to the union, or re-union, which I do not see how we can surmount. I do not know what is the proportion of educated men amongst their ministry, but judging from my own observation, I do not suppose, at the largest calculation, there is more than one in five who come up to the requirements of our standards. What shall be done with this large element of partially educated men? Surely we cannot require them to resume their studies, and re-enter the academies and colleges of the land as students again! And yet, to receive them *en masse* into our body would be to place the whole numerical power of the Church in their hands—since they would doubtless constitute a majority of the whole.

It may be said that our Presbyteries sometimes, by special act of dispensation, ordain men to the work of the ministry who have not had a college education. This is true. In some instances we have received men of large

experience, or eminent gifts, without requiring strict and literal compliance with the requisitions of the Confession of Faith. This, however, is the *exception* to the rule. But in the event we merge ourselves into a Church where the majority of the united body will fall short of the requirements of our standards, then the exception will become the *rule*. This is a very serious obstacle in the way of the proposed union, and I must confess, to my mind, insurmountable.

But, nevertheless, suppose we get over this difficulty by agreeing to unite with these brethren on the condition that in the *future* all who enter the ministry shall comply with the literary requirements of our Book. This might somewhat mitigate the evil, but there would be no certain guarantee against it. Many of the Presbyteries would be wholly composed, and many others would include a majority, of men whose education did not come up to our standard. It would be unreasonable, therefore, to suppose that such Presbyteries could be as cautious in granting dispensations, and as zealous in requiring strict compliance with our rules on this subject, as educated men would be. Indeed, some Presbyteries, it is to be presumed, would be wholly incapable of exercising such vigilance, even were they so disposed, for the want of qualifications themselves. How could a Presbytery of men, educated only in English literature, examine and pronounce upon a candidate in the Latin, Greek, and Hebrew languages? The thing is impossible. Here, therefore, are obstacles in the way of an organic union, which, with my present light, I am not able to overcome. Such a union, under present circumstances, would certainly *lower* our standard and *weaken* our prestige as an educated denomination; at a time, too, when the present advanced state of learning and the character of the times imperiously demand that we should take a step *forward* instead of one *backward*.

I have a very great respect for the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and a high regard for some of their talented and learned ministers, and feel that our Church would be both benefited and honored by the acquisition of such men. But, at the same time, I do not yet see my way clear to recommend an organic union of the two bodies. I fear that the evils of such a coalescence would overbalance the good.

I am your fellow-servant in Christ, with fraternal affection,

JAMES A. LYON.

LETTER OF THE SYNOD OF KENTUCKY TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT NASHVILLE.

The Synod of Kentucky to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, to meet in Nashville on the 21st day of November, A. D. 1867. Grace, mercy, and peace, be multiplied unto you.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN, BELOVED IN THE LORD: It is probably known to most of you, that for the space of seven years past, even from the period of the separation of the Southern churches from the churches of the North, the Synod of Kentucky and its Presbyteries have been disturbed with controversies upon issues raised by a series of acts of the residual Assembly, all, more or less, growing out of the deliverance which was prominent among the causes of the separation of the Southern from the Northern churches.

As a final result of these controversies, but with immediate reference to the act of the Assembly of 1867, declaring this Synod and its Presbyteries no longer a true Synod and Presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church, the Synod of Kentucky, at sessions held in Lexington on the 28th day of June last, made the following among other declarations:

1. That the acts above recited, being in their nature schismatical, revolu-

tionary, and despotic, and in violation of all the covenants of the constitution, and destructive of the constitution itself, are null and void, and of no binding force upon the Presbyteries and churches; neither do they have any valid effect in depriving those who refuse to submit to them of any of their rights, either ecclesiastical or civil, as guaranteed in the constitution.

2. That from the moment of the passage, by the late Assembly, of that act, by which the constitutional representatives of twelve Presbyteries—composing two large Synods, and covering the whole of the States of Kentucky and Missouri, embracing some 150 ministers, 250 churches, 500 ruling elders, and 15,000 communicants—were excluded from their seats in the Assembly, and certain persons admitted to those seats coming from bodies unknown to the constitution of the Church, unprecedented in her history, and under the operation of an act (the *ipso facto* order of 1866) utterly subversive of the fundamental principles of Presbyterian government, as laid down in the word of God; and all this manifestly and avowedly for the accomplishment of an unlawful and cruel purpose against certain ministers and elders in the Church—that body ceased any longer to be a constitutional General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and became a schismatical and revolutionary body, no longer governed by, or representative of, the constitution, but controlled simply by the will of the majority.

3. That the General Assembly, having thus abandoned the constitution and broken its covenants, and having assumed to itself the character and powers of an hierarchical autocracy, and having thus, by its own acts, separated itself from the Synod and the Presbyteries which compose it, and those who with us are standing fast by the word of God and the constitution of the Presbyterian Church, this Synod now makes solemn declaration of this fact upon its records, and further declares that in its future action it will be governed by this recognised sundering of all its relations to the aforesaid body by the acts of that body itself.

4. That, nevertheless, this Synod, with its Presbyteries, churches, and people, still true to the native instincts of a genuine Presbyterianism, and unwilling to stand isolated from their brethren, desires still to be in communion and organic union with all who maintain the principles of church order so dear to our fathers and so dear to us; and it becomes a first duty to ascertain whether such union can be formed, and to what extent.

5. That there is doubtless a remnant scattered throughout the bounds of the Northern General Assembly itself, which will in due time avail itself of the opportunity of uniting with the excluded Synods of Kentucky and Missouri in a common alliance with all who maintain the non-political sphere of the Church, and the supremacy of the constitution in the work of extending once more the true Old School Presbyterian Assembly over the whole country.

6. That the Synod rejoices in the belief that the Southern Presbyterian churches and church courts have, in a good degree, preserved pure and unimpaired the constitutional Presbyterianism of the undivided Church from 1837 to 1861, as appears from the official acts of the Southern Assembly in 1861, and again in 1865 and 1866; in the latter deliverance, proposing the very principles for which this Synod has contended as the platform upon which to unite all of like principles against the Erastian tendencies of the Protestantism of these times. And, in the judgment of this Synod, this state of facts suggests the inquiry whether this large and completely organised body of Southern Presbyterians does not present the proper and desirable nucleus around which may rally all the true Old School Presbyterianism of the country, and whether immediate steps should not be taken to bring about this general alliance of the several portions of true Presbyterians, if they are satisfied that the Southern churches are standing fast to these great principles, as speedily as their circumstances severally will permit.

7. That it is our desire to unite and co-operate with the Presbyteries and Synod of Missouri in maintaining the constitution of the Church and our joint rights covenanted therein, and of perpetuating the Old School Presbyterian Church in the United States, as that Church existed from 1837 to 1861 inclusive.

8. That a committee be appointed to take into consideration this whole subject, and prepare and report for the consideration of Synod, at its stated meeting in October next, a carefully considered statement of the doctrines and principles for which this Synod and its Presbyteries have been contending in the controversies with the General Assembly during seven years past—particularly the principles maintained by this Synod in the interpretation of our standards touching the spiritual and non-political nature and functions of the Church, the limitation of the powers of the General Assembly, and the incompetency of any court of the Church to add to or subtract from the terms of ministerial and Christian communion therein, with a view to lay the same before the General Assembly to be holden in Nashville in November next, as the basis of a covenant upon which this Synod may form an organic union with that body.

9. That, at its stated meeting in October next, this Synod will appoint delegates to attend upon the sessions of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, to meet at Nashville in November next, for the purpose of expressing to that body our fraternal greetings, and opening with them a correspondence. And we invite the Synod of Missouri to unite with us in sending similar delegates to that body, to the end that the way may be prepared for an organic union between these Synods and that General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, at as early a day as such union can be effected without detriment to any of the interests of the several parties.

In accordance with the spirit and tenor of the foregoing declarations, and in obedience to the specific instructions of the Synod, the committee appointed under the eighth of the foregoing declarations, have prepared and reported, and this Synod after due consideration has solemnly adopted the following statement of the acts of the Assembly upon which the issues have been raised, and of the doctrines and principles maintained by this Synod and its Presbyteries, and which they desire to stand as their testimony for the truth and order of Christ's house, and to be substantially the basis of a covenant upon which the Synod of Kentucky may form an organic union with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

We deem it scarcely necessary, Fathers and Brethren, in view of the sixth of the foregoing declarations made in June last, to assure you that it is not because of any distrust of your faithfulness to those doctrines and principles that we have thought of this method of forming an organic union with you on the basis of a solemn covenant agreement to maintain the doctrines and constitutional principles set forth in this paper. But having been called in the providence of God to testify specially for these great doctrines and principles, even to the final sundering of the ecclesiastical ties that bound us to our brethren of the North, we deem it but a proper attestation of our earnestness and sincerity in bearing this testimony to claim for it record and acknowledgment as a part of the acts and monuments whereby, historically, the Church interprets its standards. Nor do we doubt for a moment that on solemn consideration of the signs of the times, and of the Erastian tendencies of our Presbyterianism both in the United States and Great Britain, you will gladly embrace the opportunity offered by so peculiar an occasion to join with us, should a union be formed, in a solemn covenanted testimonial to the truths for which in common we have been "contending earnestly as the faith once delivered to the saints;" and to erect in the historical records of the Church a monument which shall at once declare to those that come after us our appreciation of the inestimable value of these principles as the bulwark of the Christian liberty wherewith Christ sets his people free; and a definitely expressed statute testimony to which ready appeal may be made hereafter as direct authority in support of those who stand for the truth as it is in Jesus, against those who again may treacherously attempt to subvert the doctrine and order of Christ's house.

Of course we shall rejoice, if, in your consideration of this important matter, the Lord shall give you light and wisdom largely to improve upon the statement of the true doctrine as against the contrary errors which we here submit. It is far from our purpose to come to you submitting the terms of a covenant to be subscribed. We come to lay before you simply in brief outline, the substance in the testimony, which our circumstances and the practical issues raised

with us have compelled us to bear. We have no desire to procure the enactment *in thesi* of abstract statements of principles independent of any case arising to call for such deliverance. For we have ever recognised the wisdom of the general rule, that, having once accepted a constitution as fundamental law, it is incumbent upon the courts of the Church to attempt the determination only of such issues as may practically arise in the outworking of the system, and *in thesi* as few cases as possible.

With this preliminary explanation of its origin and purpose, we lay before you the following:

STATEMENT OF THE DOCTRINES AND PRINCIPLES FOR WHICH THE SYNOD OF KENTUCKY AND ITS PRESBYTERIES HAVE BEEN CONTENDING IN THE CONTROVERSIES WITH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, DURING THE PAST SEVEN YEARS.

I. To the end that the testimony of this Synod and its Presbyteries for doctrine and order may be more clearly understood, the following recital is made, specifically, of the more significant acts and deliverances of the General Assembly to which they have taken exception, and in reference to which their testimonies have been uttered.

1. The act of Assembly in 1861, known as the "Spring Resolutions," setting forth that "in the spirit of Christian patriotism which the Scriptures enjoin"—the Assembly declares its obligation to promote and perpetuate the integrity of the United States; to uphold and strengthen the Federal Government, and the *loyalty* of the Assembly to the Constitution. [Minutes 1861, pp. 329–330.]

2. The act of Assembly in 1862, known as the "Breckinridge Paper," declaring the wickedness of the rebellion in the Southern portion of the Union, and denouncing the traitorous attempt to overthrow the National Government as contrary to the *revealed will of God*; affirming that this is done contrary to the wishes of the immense majority of the people in whom the local sovereignty in the Southern States resided; affirming that it is the duty of the National Government to crush force by force, and of the people to uphold the Federal Government therein; denouncing, without naming, certain office-bearers and members of churches in loyal Synods and Presbyteries, as "faithless to all authority, human or divine;" and enjoining obedience to the civil government not only in overt act, but "in heart, temper, and motives, (as God's law is to be obeyed,) and as they shall answer at the judgment seat."

3. The elaborate minute of the Assembly of 1863, upon the subject of raising the United States flag over the church building in which the Assembly sat; re-affirming the doctrine of the obligation of the Church, as such, to proclaim her loyalty to the civil government. [Min. 1863, pp. 26 and 57.]

4. The various acts of 1864:

First—The refusal to appoint a fast which providential circumstances seemed to call for, and the appointment of a thanksgiving instead, on the ground, as assigned by the mover and advocates of the substitute, that a fast-day appointment "will produce an unfavorable impression in Europe, and distress the Executive and his advisers at Washington." [Min. 1864, pp. 267, 270.]

Second—The enjoining of fasting, humiliation, and prayer, just on the eve of a Presidential election, for the special remembrance and repentance, among other things, of the sin of having voted for candidates of bad character against "candidates having every mental and moral qualification." [Min. 1864, p. 316.]

Third—The injunction to the congregations to petition the National Congress, as a means of getting an answer to prayer for deliverance from the assaults of a most groundless and wicked rebellion, to amend the Federal Constitution so as not only to acknowledge "God the supreme Lord and King over all the world," but the "Lord Jesus Christ as governor among the nations, and his revealed will as the supreme law of the land." [Min. 1864, p. 315.]

Fourth—The minute known as the "Stanley Matthews Paper," adopting the naturalistic views of the slavery question, and declaring the political oc-

currences of the time to be providential revelations of the will of God that every vestige of slavery should be effaced; that the motive for the longer continuance of slavery has been taken away by the war of the slaveholding States in order to found an empire upon the corner-stone of slavery; expressing gratitude to God for overruling the wickedness and calamities of the rebellion to work out the deliverance of the country from the evil and guilt of slavery, and the desire for the extirpation of slavery; and recommending all in our communion "to labor earnestly and unwearyedly for this glorious consummation to which human justice and Christian love combine to pledge them." [Min. 1864, pp. 298, 299.]

Fifth—The decisions in the case of the Rev. Dr. McPheeters and the Pine-street church, St. Louis, and of the Rev. Mr. Farris and ruling elder Watson and the St. Charles church, Missouri, [Min. 1864, pp. 311, 312,] in connexion with subsequent action in 1866, in reference to the proceedings of the Synod of Missouri in 1865, [Min. 1865, pp. 576, 577;] and also in 1866, giving the full sanction of the Assembly to the persecution of Christ's ministers who could not in conscience consent to pervert their office and position to the support of a political party; and formally sanctioning the principle that a Presbytery and Synod organised under a Provost Marshal, and its members forbidden to take seats till qualified by a military oath, is a free and lawful court of Jesus Christ.

5. The acts of Assembly in 1865, enforcing the principles of all the foregoing acts as a part of the standing law of the Church, thus:

First—Condemning the Synod of Kentucky for taking exception to the Assembly's Paper on slavery in 1864, and because the Synod "had wholly failed to make any deliverance calculated to sustain and encourage our Government in its efforts to suppress a wanton and wicked rebellion." [Minutes 1865, p. 541.]

Second—The order to the Board of Missions to appoint as missionaries "none but those that give satisfactory evidence of their loyalty to the national Government, and that they are in cordial sympathy with the General Assembly in its testimony on doctrine, loyalty, and freedom." [Minutes 1865, p. 554; Comp., pp. 586, 590.]

Third—The order to all the lower church courts, requiring the examination of ministers and church members coming from any of the Southern States, and making it a condition precedent to admission to the church courts and churches that they confess as sinful certain opinions before held touching "State Rights," rebellion, and slavery, not in harmony with the previous political utterances of the Assembly. [Minutes 1865, p. 566.]

Fourth—The minute of the same Assembly, declaring untruly that the Southern churches had organised a General Assembly "in order to render their aid in the attempt to establish, by means of the rebellion, a separate national existence to conserve and perpetuate the system of slavery—a great crime against the Government and against God"—and therefore declaring the Assembly's purpose to ignore the existence of any Presbyterian Church in the Southern States, except such churches and Presbyteries as are loyal to the Government of the United States, and to the Northern Presbyterian Church, and whose views are in harmony with its views on the subject of domestic slavery. [Minutes 1865, p. 506.]

6. The acts and deliverances of the General Assembly of 1866, ordaining the execution of the orders of 1865:

First—The exclusion of the commissioners of the Presbytery of Louisville from their seats in the Assembly by simple resolution, without hearing, and on premises whose statements were utterly false, and one of them defamatory of a minister in good standing. [Minutes 1866, p. 12.]

Second—The act ordering certain persons—some of them under process before the church session, and their case under careful consideration before the Presbytery—to be recognised as elders of the Walnut-street church, without the possibility of any knowledge on the part of the Assembly whether they had been duly elected and were lawful ruling elders or not. [Minutes 1866, p. 54.]

Third—The peremptory expulsion of the commissioner of another Presbytery from a seat in the Assembly, by mere resolution, on the ground that he had, as a reporter of proceedings, written a letter offensive to another member. [Minutes 1866, p. 58.]

Fourth—The resolution and proceedings initiating steps for organic re-union with the New School body in utter disregard of the testimonies of 1837–'8, against errors which not only the New School body had not by any public act renounced, but, on the contrary, had added to largely, by its monstrous Erastian deliverances on the state of the country in 1863, '64, and '65, and the monstrous deliverance just then made, endorsing the civil rights bill and negro suffrage as against the President, and calling for more blood in "the condign punishment of the chief fomenters of the rebellion." [Proceedings of May 25, 1866.] And the further proceedings toward the consummation of the re-union in acts of Assembly of 1867.

Fifth—The action of the same Assembly known as "the Gurley *ipso facto* Order." declaring, first, the Declaration and Testimony to be slanderous and schismatical, then summoning its signers directly to the bar of the next Assembly for trial, without other citation or other tabling of charges; devising penalties unknown to the constitution, and utterly incongruous to the Presbyterian theory of the teaching-rulers, for the signers of the Declaration and Testimony; and declaring the *ipso facto* dissolution of Presbyteries which refused to execute this unlawful penalty; also, the pastoral letter and the memorial adopted by the Assembly in reference to the same general subjects. [Minutes 1866, pp. 60, 61.]

7. The action of the Assembly of 1867 in executing a penalty of disobedience to the orders of 1865:

First—The adoption of the Encyclopædic Act of the Assembly, known as the "Report of the Committee of Ten," whereby were crowded into one indistinguishable mass the judicial cases of near two hundred men, formally summoned to the Assembly: cases of appeal referred to this by the preceding Assembly; cases of irregularities and revolutionary proceedings in Presbyteries and Synods; cases of contested seats in the Assembly; solemn memorials and remonstrances of Presbyteries and individuals; all these passed upon without any of the usual forms of hearing and trial, by one sweeping sentence of outlawry of two Synods and twelve Presbyteries of the Church.

Second—The several actions, in accordance with the foregoing, for depriving the churches of Kentucky of their property and the control of the schools which their piety and liberality had founded—to all of which acts reference has already been made, with its judgment concerning them, in the Synod's action in June last.

STATEMENT OF DOCTRINES AND PRINCIPLES FOR WHICH THE SYNOD OF KENTUCKY AND ITS PRESBYTERIES HAVE CONTENDED IN THE CONTROVERSIES WITH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AS ADOPTED BY THE SYNOD OCT. 11, 1867.

II. Still further to the end that the testimony of this Synod and its Presbyteries may be more clearly understood, and to guard it from the perversions and misrepresentations of their adversaries, it is hereby declared, once for all, that in their various protests and testimonies against the acts and deliverances of Assembly just recited, the Synods and Presbyteries of Kentucky have not meant, "as they be slanderously reported," to deny any of the following propositions:

Either, First—To deny that civil government is the ordinance of God, and the magistrate God's minister, in the natural order, as are the church officers, in the spiritual order, for the protection of the good and the repressing of the lawless and wicked.

Or, Second—To deny that the Church may not properly enjoin obedience in the discharge of their duties, as citizens and subjects, to the civil government, within its sphere.

Or, Third—To deny that the State, as a *natural institute*, should acknowl-

edge "God the King and Ruler," as he makes himself known to the State in the natural order, and to man as his creature, "showing the work of the law written in his heart, his conscience also bearing witness, and who may clearly see his eternal power and Godhead by the things that are made."

Or, Fourth—That the State may enforce the law of God as made known in the natural order through the impressions of man's moral nature, and the ethical truths clearly deducible from the acknowledged existence of God the Creator, and the relations to him of man the creature; whom "the light of nature sheweth that there is a God who hath lordship and sovereignty over all."

Or, Fifth—That the Church should have cognizance of crimes against the law of the State, as they may be sins against God, which affect, spiritually, the subjects of her spiritual discipline; the Church having in view to restore such a one in the spirit of meekness.

Or, Sixth—To deny that the Church may properly appeal to the civil courts—whose business it is to protect life, liberty, and property—for the protection, against the lawless and unjust, of property given in trust to her, as they protect any other property; or that the Church should protest against any intrusion of the civil government into the sphere of the spiritual, which has been assigned by her Head to her jurisdiction.

Neither, again, in respect of the interpretation of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church, have this Synod and its Presbyteries intended to deny any of the following propositions:

Either, First—To deny that the power of the supreme court, representing the power of the whole Church, is, within the limit of Christ's laws, over the power of the lower courts representing a part.

Or, Second—To deny that individual members and lower courts should "receive with reverence and submission" the decrees and determinations of superior councils, "*if consonant to the word of God*," "not only for their agreement with the word, but also for the power whereby they are made, as being an ordinance of God appointed thereunto in his word."

Or, Third—To deny that the power of the General Assembly, as the power of all other courts and office-bearers, is primarily from Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church, and only in a secondary sense derived from the constitution; and that only as it is a delegated body are the Presbyteries the fountain of power to the General Assembly.

Neither, again, in respect of the questions which have given occasion for the foregoing acts and utterances of the General Assembly, has this Synod and its Presbyteries felt called upon either to affirm or deny any one of the following propositions:

Either, First—That the political acts of the Southern States were right, or the contrary.

Or, Second—That the course of the Federal Government was just, wise, and magnanimous, or the contrary.

Or, Third—That the political theory of State Rights is the true theory of the Federal Constitution, or the contrary.

Or, Fourth—That the institution of slavery was in accordance with natural justice and in itself desirable, or the contrary.

III. But, as against certain errors involved in the above recited acts and deliverances of the General Assembly—in part errors of doctrine concerning the nature and functions of the Church, as related to Christ, her Lawgiver and King, on the one hand, and to the civil government on the other; in part errors of interpretation of the constitution of the Presbyterian Church in the United States; in part acts of usurpation, and claims of prerogatives dangerous to the liberty of the Church, and liberty of conscience—as against these errors the Synod of Kentucky and its Presbyteries have affirmed and now desire to have solemnly recorded, as part of the accepted historical interpretations of the doctrine and order of the Presbyterian Church, the following statements, substantially, concerning the doctrine of the Church of God and the constitutional principles of the Presbyterian Church.

As against what they deem to be latitudinarian, or, at least, inadequate views of the nature of church power, which rests directly upon the doctrine that

Jesus Christ is now actually ruling in his visible Church, and acting through his appointed office-bearers, they have maintained:

1. CONCERNING THE DOCTRINE OF THE KINGSHIP OF CHRIST, AND THE MANNER IN WHICH CHRIST EXECUTETH THE OFFICE OF A KING IN HIS VISIBLE CHURCH:

That our standards declare, in accordance with the word of God:

"Christ executeth the office of a king in calling out of the world a people to himself, and giving them *officers*, *laws*, and *censures*, by which he visibly governs them." [Larger Catechism, Q. 45.]

And, that this very clear and explicit statement of the *jure divino* character of all that essentially pertains to the government and discipline of the Church is the true key to all the more detailed statements of our standards concerning church government, viz.:

That "the Lord Jesus, as King and Head of his Church, hath therein appointed a government in the hand of church officers distinct from the civil magistrate." And "to these officers the keys of the kingdom of heaven are committed." [Conf., ch. 30: 1, 2.]

That "it belongeth to the overseers and other rulers of the particular churches, by virtue of their office and the power which Christ hath given them for edification, and not for destruction, to appoint such assemblies and to convene together in them." That of these assemblies, the "decrees and determinations, if consonant to the word of God, are to be received with reverence and submission—not only for their agreement with the word, but also for the power whereby they are made, as being an ordinance of God, appointed thereto." [Conf., ch. 31: 1, 2.]

Which several statements, substantially, are more summarily presented in the ancient Confesssion of the Church in these and like statements:

"This power ecclesiastical is an authority granted by God the Father through the Mediator Jesus Christ to his Church gathered and having its ground in the word of God.

"The policy of the Church flowing from this power is an order or form of spiritual government which is exercised by the members appointed thereto by the word of God."

In the light of these doctrinal statements, and as necessary inferences from them—this Synod and its Presbyteries have maintained:

That the doctrine of the kingly office of Christ is no abstract theory of theology, but of the very first practical importance in the gospel system; since to his office as a king his prophetic and priestly offices stand related as means to an end. He is a teaching prophet and an atoning priest that he may be a reigning king. And his kingly office stands related to the government and discipline of the Church as his prophetic and priestly offices to the ordinances of the word and sacraments. While, indeed, the acceptance of the doctrine of his kingly office is not essential to the faith that is unto salvation in the sense in which the acceptance of the doctrine of his priestly office as exhibiting our justifying righteousness is essential, yet the obligation to present truly the doctrine of Christ's kingly office in the government and discipline of the Church to the faith of his people, is of like force with the obligation to present truly the doctrine of his prophetic and priestly offices in the word and sacraments.

That, therefore, the avoidance of all admixture of human maxims, policies, and expediences in the administration of the government and discipline of the Church, is a duty of the same obligation as to avoid the admixture of human philosophies and theories with the dispensation of the word, or of human fancies with the dispensation of the sacraments.

That it is therefore not only incompetent to the church courts, but positively a perversion of the truth, that they shall assume to consider and determine any other questions than those which relate to the government, order, and discipline of Christ's visible kingdom, or to determine these on grounds aside from the word of God; or to speak in Christ's name and by his authority,

otherwise than to the faith and conscience of his people concerning things to be obeyed as enjoined by the law of Christ. Since, according to our standards, even though "there are some circumstances concerning the worship of God and government of the church common to human actions and societies, which are to be ordered by the light of nature and Christian prudence;" yet even these must "be ordered according to the general rules of the word, *which are always to be observed.*" [Conf., chap. 1: 6.]

That, therefore, the attempt on the part of tribunals of the Church to exercise the authority thus delegated to them by Christ in determining questions merely secular, concerning which his word makes no such determination, is "to usurp the prerogatives of the Church's Divine Master;" and, practically, to obscure to the faith of his people the doctrine of his kingly office; just as the attempt to determine by the spiritual authority questions of Christian faith and practice on the ground of human opinions and theories of human expediences, is practically to obscure to the faith of his people Christ's prophetic office. For, precisely in harmony with their view of his kingly office in the Church, our standards declare: "Christ executeth the office of a prophet in revealing *to the Church in all ages*, by his Spirit and word, *in divers ways of administration, the whole will of God* in all things concerning their edification and salvation." [Larger Cat. Q. 43.]

In full accordance with these views of the doctrine of Christ's kingly office in his Church, this Synod and its Presbyteries have maintained:

2. Concerning the origin, nature, and functions of church government, as contrasted with, and related to, the civil government.

That, according to our standards, "the visible Church consists of all those throughout the world that profess the true religion, together with their children, and *is the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ*, the house and family of God, out of which there is no ordinary possibility of salvation. Unto this catholic visible Church, Christ hath given the ministry, oracles, and ordinances of God, for the gathering and perfecting of the saints in this life, to the end of the world, and doth by his own presence and Spirit, according to his promise, make them effectual thereunto. There is no other head of the Church but the Lord Jesus Christ." (Conf., chap. 25 : 2, 3, 6.) "And the Lord Jesus, as king and head of his Church, hath appointed a government in the hand of church officers, distinct from the civil magistrate." (Conf., chap. 30 : 1.) "These assemblies ought not to possess any civil jurisdiction. Their power is wholly moral or spiritual, and that only ministerial and declarative." (Form of Gov., chap. 8 : 2.) And these "Synods and councils are to handle or conclude nothing but that which is ecclesiastical, and are not to intermeddle with civil affairs, which concern the commonwealth." (Conf., chap. 31 : 4.)

And as it is the Lord Christ, who, in the execution of his mediatorial office of king, "in calling out of the world a people to himself, and giving them officers, laws, and censures, whereby he visibly governs them," gives the Church power; so, on the other hand according to our standards:

It is "*God as the supreme Lord and King of the world*, who hath ordained civil magistrates to be under him over the people for his own glory and the public good, and to this end hath armed them with the power of the sword for the defence and encouragement of them that are good, and for the punishment of evil-doers."

But "civil magistrates may not assume to themselves the administration of the word and sacraments, or the power of the keys of the kingdom of heaven, or in the least interfere in matters of faith." And, as the rule for guidance in this government is, primarily, not the revealed word, but the light of nature, so "infidelity or difference in religion doth not make void the magistrate's just and legal authority, nor free the people from their due obedience to him." (Conf., chap. 23 : 3, 4.)

This account of these two separate ordinances of government for men, as differing fundamentally, in that the one is from Christ, as mediatorial king and

head of his elect people, the other from "God, the supreme king and ruler of the world;" and in that the one contemplates men as sinners, related to God the Saviour; the other, men as creatures, related to God the Creator—is thus summarily expressed in the ancient Confession:

"This power and policy ecclesiastical is different and distinct in its own nature from that power and policy which is called the civil power, and appertains to the civil government of the commonwealth."

"For this power ecclesiastical flows immediately from God and the Mediator Jesus Christ, and is spiritual."

Furthermore, as these two governments thus differ in their origin, nature, and purpose, so, according to our standards, they have, as already intimated, primarily, a different rule to guide their action. As to the rule to guide the Church, it has already been said, "Christ executeth the office of a prophet in revealing *to the Church* in all ages, by his Spirit and word, in divers ways of administration, the whole will of God in all that concerns their edification and salvation." (Larger Cat. Q. 43.)

So, again, "God alone is Lord of the conscience, and hath left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men which are in anything contrary to his word, or beside it in matters of faith or worship." (Conf., chap. 20: 2.)

So, again, "The supreme Judge, by which all controversies of religion are to be determined, and *all decrees of councils, opinions of ancient writers, doctrines of men*, and private spirits, are to be examined, *and in whose sentence we are to rest*, can be no other but the Holy Spirit speaking in the Scripture." (Conf., 1: 10.)

On the other hand, touching the light which all men have as a rule to guide in the administration of civil government, our standards teach, in accordance with the express declaration of Scripture, that:

"*The light of nature* shows that there is a God who hath lordship and sovereignty over all; is good and doeth good unto all; and is, therefore, to be feared, loved, praised, trusted in, and served with all the heart." (Conf., 21: 1.)

"*The light of nature* and the works of creation and providence do so far manifest the goodness, wisdom, and power of God, as to leave men inexcusable." (Conf., 1: 1.)

"The Gentiles having not the law are a law unto themselves: which show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness. (Rom., 2: 14, 15.) Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them, for God hath showed it unto them, (Rom. 1: 19;) so that they are without excuse." (Rom. 1: 20.)

"Some circumstances concerning the worship of God and government of the Church, *common to human actions and societies, are to be ordered by the light of nature.*" (Conf. 1: 6.)

"Infidelity or difference in religion doth not make void the magistrate's just and legal authority, nor free the people from their due obedience to him." (Conf., 23: 4.)

This difference in the rule and the subject matter of the two orders of government, the ancient Confession expresses summarily thus:

"Therefore this power and policie of the Kirk should lean upon the word immediately as the only ground thereof.

"The magistrate commands external things for external peace and quietness amongst the subjects. The minister handles external things only for conscience sake." "The magistrate handles external things only, *and actions done before men.* But the spiritual ruler both inward affections and external actions *in respect of conscience* by the word of God."

"The magistrate claims and gets obedience by the sword and other external means. But the minister by the spiritual sword and spiritual means."

From these teachings of our standards touching the fundamental difference—in origin, rule of guidance, nature, functions, and design—between the spiritual and the temporal power, this Synod and its Presbyteries have maintained as against the assumption of the church courts, on the one hand, to entertain and determine questions of civil policy, and of the civil government, on the other

hand, to determine questions of worship and the qualifications of members of church courts:

That, though both governments are of divine institution, one immediately, the other mediately, and both may exercise their authority severally over the same persons in different capacities, and both have in view, as their end, the glory of God; yet they move in spheres altogether extrinsic to each other.

That the Church of God is a *supernatural institute*, immediately of supernatural origin and authority. Whereas the State is a *natural institute*, only mediately of divine authority, and growing out of the social constitution for which man was created and fitted.

That the laws and ordinances of the Church are all in the *supernatural* order, directly revealed by the Spirit and word of Christ to his kingdom; whereas the laws and ordinances of the State are in the *natural order*, framed and fashioned by the natural intelligence of men, as guided by the light of nature.

That the Church is a supernatural agency for the spiritual interests of man as immortal, here and hereafter; whereas the State is a natural agency for the promotion of man's temporal interests of life, liberty, and property.

That the Church's lawgiver and head, speaking through these ordinances and laws by the men whom he calls, qualifies, and commissions, is the Lord Jesus Christ; whereas the head and lawgivers of the State are men— such rulers as the people clothe with authority to represent and rule over them, and who speak in the name of the people.

That the subject of church government is man contemplated as a sinner; whereas the subject of civil government is man contemplated as a creature.

That the constituent elements of the spiritual commonwealth are the elect of God, the families that call upon the name of the Lord, whom Christ covenants to redeem; whereas the constituent elements of the civil commonwealth are the families of men as citizens indiscriminately, which it aims to protect in their rights by repressing the lawless and wicked.

That the efficient power of the Church is the power of the keys, the ministry of the word and ordinances, aiming to gain a voluntary obedience by moral suasion; whereas the efficient power of the State is the power of the sword to enforce a compulsory obedience, having special reference to the repression of the lawless.

That the laws and ordinances of the Church deal with the wrong actions of men as *sins* against God; whereas the laws and ordinances of the State deal with the wrong actions of men as misdemeanors and crimes against men.

That the laws and ordinances of the Church are in their nature *disciplinary*— a means of grace, and designed to realise the idea of grace; whereas the laws of the State are in their nature *vindicatory*, for the suppression of wickedness by an appeal to fear, and are designed to realise the idea of justice.

That, therefore, the Church has manifestly no commission either to discharge any functions of the State, or to direct, advise, or assist the State; nor has the Church any light in regard to the affairs of the State which the State has not already; nor, since her authority is spiritual, and resting on moral suasion only, has it any adaptation to the purposes of a government of force. Neither can the State have any commission from God to discharge the functions of the Church, nor the ability to do so; since—aside from the fact that its compulsory power is inapplicable to things of religion—even though the State may have the advantage of the inspired word of God current among its citizens, to give additional clearness and force to the teachings of nature and reason; yet the State has not the special illumination of the Holy Spirit, which alone can interpret the word for the purposes of the Church. Nor is anything plainer from experience than that the unconverted statesman, accepting the word of God intellectually merely, however he may thereby be made wiser as to natural things, is not made more competent to legislate for the Church, than though he were merely a refined and enlightened pagan. Nor has anything more certainly tended to enfeeble the spiritual life of the Church, than the mistake of courting the favor and seeking the alliance of rulers and statesmen, who merely accept intellectually, and therefore treat respectfully, the word of

Christ and his ordinances, as though thereby the kingdom of Christ can be strengthened.

Hence this Synod and its Presbyteries have steadfastly protested against and resisted the assumption of authority by the church courts, to advise, direct, and assist the civil government in its policy by the exercise of their spiritual authority, or to interpose the power of the spiritual sword for enforcing any theories of social organisation, or theories of labor, or political theories, or to direct men as citizens in the choice of their civil policy.

And, on the other hand, they have protested against and resisted every invitation by the church courts to the State to assume and every assumption by the State to direct the ordinances of worship in God's house, or to interfere with the conscientious convictions of men, so long as those convictions did not develope themselves in overt acts. For our great civil "Act establishing Religious Freedom," nobly declares, as defining the limits of the civil power: "It is time enough for the rightful purposes of civil government for its officers to interfere, when principles break out into *overt acts* against peace and good order."

In full accordance also with the foregoing views of the doctrine concerning the kingly office of Christ in his Church, this Synod and its Presbyteries have maintained:

3. CONCERNING THE POWERS OF THE SEVERAL COURTS OF THE CHURCH, THEIR RELATIONS TO EACH OTHER AND TO THE OFFICE-BEARERS AND PEOPLE.

That, while "it is lawful and agreeable to the word of God that the Church be governed by several sorts of assemblies, congregational, classical, and synodical;" and that "there should be a subordination of congregational, classical, provincial, and national assemblies, for the government of the Church;" and this for the reason "that the several different congregations of believers, taken collectively, constitute one Church of Christ, called, emphatically, the Church; that a larger part of the Church, or a representation of it, should govern a smaller, determine matters of controversy which arise therein." [Form of Gov., ch. 12—note.) That is, that the power of the assembly representing the whole should be over the power of the assembly representing a part—yet not so over it as claiming concurrent jurisdiction with it, but simply as appellate and corrective of the exercise of its power. Since the power of the whole is also in every part, and the same promise of the special presence of the Lord Christ is made to the "two or three" gathered to determine the case of the offending brother, as to the apostolic college representing the whole Church. [Compare Matt. 18: 15–20 with Matt. 28: 20.]

And they have maintained, also, that "all church power, whether exercised by the body in general, or in the way of representation by delegated authority, is only ministerial and declarative, and that all their decisions should be founded upon the revealed will of God:" and that "there is much greater danger from the usurped claim of making laws than from the right of judging upon laws already made [in the Scriptures] and common to all who profess the gospel." [Form of Gov., chap. 1: 7.]

That "the Supreme Judge, by which all controversies of religion are to be determined, and all decrees of councils are to be examined, and *in whose sentence we are to rest*, can be no other but the Holy Spirit speaking in the Scripture." [Conf., chap. 1: 10.]

That "God alone is Lord of the conscience, and hath left it free from the commandments of men which are in any thing contrary to his word, or beside it in matters of faith or worship. So that to believe such doctrines, or to obey such commandments out of conscience, is to betray true liberty of conscience; and the requiring an implicit faith, and an absolute and blind obedience, is to destroy liberty of conscience and reason also." [Conf., chap. 20: 2.]

In the light of these declarations of our standards, taken in connection with those before cited touching the execution of the kingly and prophetic offices of

Christ in his visible Church, this Synod and its Presbyteries have maintained in regard to the acts of the General Assembly against which they have protested:

First—That any acts and deliverances of the Assembly which involve a usurpation of powers by that body not assigned to the General Assembly in the constitution—which constitution we hold to be consonant to the word of God, and, therefore, that to transcend the constitution is to do also what is contrary to the word of God—or any acts and deliverances of the Assembly concerning questions of national or other civil policy—these being questions in the natural order which "God the Supreme Ruler" hath appointed to be determined by the civil magistrate, and questions which the Lord Christ, as King and Prophet of the Church, hath not determined in his word, except as questions of sin and of duty that concern the conscience—all such acts and deliverances are not only in themselves errors as transcending the powers of the Assembly and the sphere of the Church, but also as tending to obscure the great doctrine of the kingly and prophetic offices of Christ, as still executed in his visible Church.

That, therefore, while it is a duty to receive with reverence and submission all such decrees as are consonant to the word, yet such dangerous errors are not only to be silently disregarded as mere "commandments of men, to obey which would be to betray liberty of conscience," but are to be testified against; and all claim of authority resting upon them is to be resisted, and this for the following considerations, to wit:

That "the Supreme Judge by which all controversies of religion are to be decided, and in whose decision we are to rest," is not the supreme court, but "the Holy Spirit speaking in the Scripture."

That it is the duty, more especially of every office-bearer and court of the church alike, to bear witness to the truth as against error, since to this obligation every office-bearer is held by his ordination vow to study the *purity* as well as the peace of the Church.

That it is expressly enjoined upon the Presbyteries, in the constitution itself, thus to bear witness for the truth; being required to "resolve questions of doctrine and discipline, and to *condemn erroneous opinions*." Nor is there any limitation to the requirement, excluding from consideration any erroneous opinions because uttered by the General Assembly. On the contrary, they must for that very reason condemn the errors, since errors of the General Assembly more directly affect the purity and peace of their churches than the errors of any other.

That not only does the constitution enjoin it, but the Lord Christ, as we have seen, gives his special promise to be present with the lower court in its act not less than to be present "always" with those representing the whole Church. And there is every reason to hope that the Holy Spirit will use the faithful testimony of the lower court as the means whereby to extend in the Church a revival of love for the truth, and thereby restore it from error.

That, therefore, nothing is more absurd and dangerous to Christian liberty than the conception, by an utterly false analogy, that the office-bearers and lower courts are bound to obey as law, until repealed, an act that is unconstitutional, and, therefore, not consonant to the word of God, as citizens obey civil acts until repealed. Such a conception could occur only by reason of utter forgetfulness of all that our standards teach concerning liberty of conscience, and the non-obligatory character of decrees of councils that are not according to the word.

That it is an argument of no real force which urges, to the contrary of these views, that they open the door to constant acts of disobedience, resistance, and schism in the Church, and make church government impossible. Since, on the one hand, Christ the King reigns still in his visible Church, though his representatives may be unfaithful, and by his Spirit enlightening the minds of his people, he will in his own way and time heal the declensions and dissensions of his Church. And, on the other hand, still more is it true in ecclesiastical than in political governments, that "all experience hath shown that mankind are more disposed to suffer while evils are sufferable than to right themselves by abolishing forms of government to which they have long been accustomed."

The long-suffering of this Synod, for seven years past, fully confirms this declaration; and the apparent unwillingness to resist even yet, on the part of many who are believed to concur with this Synod, and who at the beginning protested with it against the acts of the General Assembly as violations of the constitution and a usurpation of the prerogatives of the Church's Divine Master, afford still further melancholy proof of the long-suffering of Christian men in bearing with error and usurpation.

And, finally, while maintaining a steadfast opposition to the acts and deliverances of the Assembly already recited, as their testimony for the foregoing general doctrines concerning the Church, this Synod and its Presbyteries have, in the light of these doctrines, maintained the following principles:

4. CONCERNING THE INTERPRETATION OF OUR FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND DISCIPLINE WITH REFERENCE TO THE FUNCTIONS, POWERS, AND MUTUAL RELATIONS OF THE COURTS OF THE CHURCH.

First—As to the functions and sphere of the General Assembly and other courts, they have maintained, and desire to have it recognised as the accepted interpretation, that the constitution of the Church assigns to the General Assembly no function to the end that it may counsel, direct, or assist the civil government.

That neither does the constitution assign to the Assembly any authority to consider and determine—as in the deliverances of 1861, 1862, 1863, and 1864, on the "State of the Country," the Assembly appears, and is understood, to have considered and determined—either:

Questions of the policy of the State touching its citizens, or of the duties of citizens, as such, in respect of the policy of the State:

Or, Questions between different interpretations of the Federal Constitution;

Or, Questions, not of duties towards the recognised Cæsar, but of deciding between rival Cæsars;

Or, Questions as between different theories of allegiance to the civil government;

Or, Questions concerning the social structure of different political communities, and their systems of labor;

Or, Questions touching the military duties and policy of the national Government, and the duties of citizens to uphold the Government in its policy.

Nor can they regard the pretence set up as a reason for considering and determining such questions, viz., "That certain civil acts rise up into the region of morals," otherwise than as an utter denial, in the face of our standards, that the State is competent to determine concerning the moral acts of its citizens, and a denial that the State has, in the natural order, any code of morals given of God, the Supreme Ruler, through reason and the light of nature, for the judgment of the moral acts of its citizens.

Second—They have maintained that the General Assembly committed direct acts of usurpation, more particularly in its enactments of 1865, 1866, and 1867:

In ordaining additional tests of ministerial and Christian communion in the acts of 1865; the more monstrous in that the tests to be applied relate to the sinfulness of certain political opinions: and still more monstrous, again, in that they are to be applied to ministers and church members of one geographical section of the Church, and not to those of like opinions in another.

In ordaining tests of ministerial qualification to missionaries not set forth in the constitution or in the word of God; and conferring inquisitorial powers for the application of the test upon a body unknown to the constitution.

In the arbitrary exclusion from their seats in the Assembly of the commissioners of a Presbytery, not only without hearing, but on statements as the premises of the action wholly untrue and defamatory of a minister in good standing. And also in making the exclusion on a ground that puts the Assembly itself and the constitution at the mercy of a factious majority at any time; and on the assumption that the right of representation in the Assembly is not

inherent in the Presbyteries, but derived, by grant of prerogative, from the Assembly, and held at its pleasure.

In assuming to order certain men to be recognised as ruling elders in a congregation, not only indirectly, in contempt of the congregation, but directly in contempt of the Presbytery and the Synod, before which courts their cases were pending and under careful consideration.

In assuming first to pronounce sentence upon a protest as a slander, and then to summon its signers individually to the bar of the next Assembly for trial, without form of citation or charges, in form, brought against them. In assuming to annex to the sentence thus pronounced without hearing a penalty unknown to the constitution, and directly at variance with the fundamental conception of the ministerial office in our Church, as a double office of teaching and ruling in the church courts, in ordering them to be stripped of a part of the inherent functions of their office by excluding them from Presbytery and Synod, and thus creating a nondescript semi-office-bearer in the Church—a presbyter disqualified to sit in a Presbytery, and yet a teacher and ruler of the congregation.

In ordaining a self-inflicting penalty of dissolution upon the Presbytery, which shall decline to be the executioner of the foregoing anomalous sentence, which, if obeyed, on the other hand, must operate a reconstruction of the Presbytery, with a view to future use as both judge and executioner—a form of penalty utterly eschewed by all free civil governments, and associated historically with the rule of tyrants only.

And as the final result of all these usurpations, and without hearing or form of trial, first excluding twelve Presbyteries, as before excluding the one, from representation in the Assembly, and next declaring two Synods, with their twelve Presbyteries—Synods and Presbyteries whose constitutional rights as part of the Church had never been questioned—to be no true Synods and Presbyteries.

This Synod and its Presbyteries have maintained that the claim set up by the General Assembly, incidentally in these cases of usurpation, and directly in other acts and deliverances, of the right to concurrent jurisdiction with the lower courts, and of general powers, under that, to "decide all controversies of doctrine and discipline, and the suppression of schismatical contentions," to be exercised at discretion, and not according to the provisions of the Book of Discipline, are utterly subversive of our whole constitutional system. That the power of the Assembly, particularly, is over the exercises of the power of the lower courts, and not over the subjects of their jurisdiction. That it is only appellate, corrective, and reformatory of the exercises of their power by the lower courts: and that the exercise of this power is to be only according to the provisions of the Book of Discipline, which fully provides for every possible case in which it may be needful for the Assembly to take up and decide controversies or suppress schismatical contentions; since by the provision for general control, in cases wherein the lower courts prove unfaithful to duty, by the substitution of "common fame," as appellant, complainant, or prosecutor, the cases of controversies and schismatical contentions may be brought before the Assembly precisely as appeals come, and thus be brought under all the provisions made for the exercise of the Assembly's appellate power. No such anti-constitutional principle can be tolerated by Presbyterianism, as the exercise of powers at discretion, and not directed by the constitution.

In like manner, this Synod and its Presbyteries have maintained that all theories of power by prerogative or otherwise descending by grant from the General Assembly to the lower courts, as well as all theories of the spiritual, like the civil power, being granted by the people, are utterly inconsistent with the great truth, that the source of all spiritual power is in the Lord Christ, who visibly rules in the Church, and therefore in the tribunals, in which, both inferior and supreme, he hath vested the power by that promise, made alike to the church session and the Assembly—his promise, "I am with you."

This Synod and its Presbyteries have maintained, however, that while the source of power in all the courts alike is Jesus, the King, who rules in them and through them; yet the constitution of the Presbyterian Church, in accord-

ance with the word of God, assigns to the courts respectively their several powers and duties, and prescribes the mode in which these powers are to be exercised. In this respect it is a solemn covenant before God between the people, the office-bearers, and the courts. The claim, by any court, to exercise powers not assigned to it, is a breach of the covenant.

In its human aspect, this constitution is a charter covenant, under which franchises are enjoyed and property vested for the maintenance of a certain system of doctrine and order. The claim to exercise powers not assigned involves also a breach of contract and dishonest dealing in temporal things with those who have joint interest under the charter. Both divine and human law is therefore infringed by such acts of usurpation as those against which these protests have been uttered. The dishonesty becomes simply monstrous when men are declared to have no longer any interest in the charter, because they have protested against gross violations of it.

Such are substantially the general doctrines concerning the Church, and the principles of the constitution for which this Synod and its Presbyteries have testified during the recent struggle with the General Assembly. They are manifestly doctrines and principles fundamental in the system of Presbyterianism. And the fact that they should have been so little regarded under the first exposure of our system to the storms of national revolution would seem to be a providential indication, pointing to the necessity of a re-statement of them—perhaps in a manner fuller, clearer, and more forcible than here presented—to stand as a guide in the future among the historical interpretations of our constitution.

This Synod feels unwilling to enter into organic union with any large and powerful organisation again without some such guarantee to its churches and people against troubles in future, similar to those just passed through, from want of a clear understanding that the Church shall have no political alliance; that the constitution is supreme—not the accidental majority of an Assembly; and that this constitution not only assigns their powers to the courts, but prescribes the mode of their exercise, and thus fully protects the great Protestant doctrine of private judgment and liberty of conscience.

J. T. HENDRICK, Moderator.

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF PUBLICATION.

The Executive Committee of Publication respectfully presents its Sixth Annual Report to the General Assembly; and in so doing, it has renewed occasion for the expression of gratitude and humble thankfulness to that gracious Providence who has preserved the lives and health of all the members during another year, and has permitted them to discharge the trusts committed to them by the Church and her great Head without interruption, and with many manifestations of increasing usefulness.

The active operations of the last year far transcend, in magnitude and importance, the results of the year preceding; but still they come far short of reaching the necessities of the Church, but more particularly of that portion of our country whose wants we are especially aiming to supply.

The work of rebuilding the foundations which had been destroyed has, however, gone steadily forward; the funds intrusted to the Committee have been used with a stringent economy, and once more, under the smiles of the divine favor, a degree of prosperity is ready to dawn on this branch of the Church's work, if that Church only proves faithful. This will be evident from a brief statement of our operations, and of our present condition.

OUR FINANCES.

The state of our finances will be seen from the Treasurer's report. The

whole receipts from donations were $18,191.44; from the sale of books, $13,944.62; from subscriptions to the *Children's Friend*, $3,824.35—which, with the balance from last year of $2,656.87, makes the whole available resources of the year $38,617.38. During the same period, there has been expended for publications, $21,343.21; for publishing the *Children's Friend*, $3,541.84; for salaries, rent, clerk hire, travelling expenses, stationery, printing, postage, freight, and incidental expenses generally, $14,012.68; making a total of $38,697.78; showing a balance to be due the Treasurer of $80.70.

We have outstanding claims against us to the amount of $9,304.41; and there is due us on our books the sum of $4,251.74; and there is charged to account of our book agents the sum of $6,324.23. These two items added together make an offset of $10,575.97 against this indebtedness.

The causes of this state of our finances are two, viz.: the yellow fever, which interrupted our business very seriously in the Southwest; and an unexpected and disastrous delay in the binding of the second edition of the Hymn Book, rendering it impossible for us to fill orders promptly or to send out our book agents on their mission. Some orders have been lying unfilled for several months, because we could not supply the kinds of books required; and so we have been kept out of the use of the money from their sale, which would otherwise have come into our treasury, and enabled us to meet our liabilities. We hope soon to surmount these difficulties and embarrassments, when our business will present a very gratifying state of progress, considering the times, the great poverty of our people, and the heavy expenses connected with the publishing business. This will be made more manifest when it is stated that the property and stock which we now have on hand, at 33 1-3 per cent. discount from the retail prices, is equal in value to the whole amount of donations received during the past two years; while a considerable portion of the stock cost us at the wholesale price a sum much in advance of this estimate. It will thus be seen that the Committee, by its economical arrangements, and the laboriousness of the officers and employees, has preserved the whole of the capital intrusted to it intact.

AGENCIES.

The General Assembly at Macon, Georgia, voted to this Committee an endowment, or business capital, of $50,000. Up to our last annual report, about $9,000 of this sum had been secured. This endowment, by the action of the Assembly, is made a separate fund, distinct from the ordinary collections of the churches; and to the Committee was left the duty of instituting the means of securing it. In order to effect this object, the Rev. A. P. Silliman, of the Synod of Alabama, was commissioned as a financial travelling agent of the Committee, and was instructed to commence his operations in the Southwest. He was advised to seek the co-operation of pastors and church sessions, and as far as possible to develope the interest as well as the resources of the parts of the Church visited by him. He entered on his laborious duties on the first of January, and, except when interrupted briefly on two occasions by providential affliction, he has prosecuted them steadily ever since. He has visited portions of the Synods of Nashville, Memphis, Mississippi, Texas, Alabama, and Georgia, with as great results as we had any right to anticipate. More than $10,000 have already reached our treasury as the result of his agency, and we have great reason to hope that much fruit may be gathered in hereafter as the result of his labors, since in many places visited by him liberal friends of the cause have postponed making their donations to a subsequent day, owing to the straitness of the times.

The Committee has been reluctant to resort to any other agency for the collection of funds than the regular operation of our divine system of polity. But this fund was made a special one by the action of the Assembly itself, independent of, and in addition to, the annual collection taken in the congregations. And besides, the results have justified the Committee in what they did in this behalf. While the collections and donations made in response to the efforts of this agent alone amount to over $10,000, the contributions from the churches and donations from all other sources have only been about $7,000.

The Committee were led to believe that it would be impossible for them to execute the orders of the last Assembly without resorting to this means of raising the funds; and now the result of the year's operations justifies its foresight; for the whole amount received from other sources would not have been sufficient to bring out the first edition of the Hymn Book alone, even could it all have been used for that object. Hence it is manifest that the orders of the last Assembly could not have been carried out by this Committee for lack of funds, had not the labors of an agent been employed.

Moreover, the Rev. Samuel D. Stuart was commissioned by the Committee as a business agent, and was instructed to operate without the bounds of our Church—at first in New York and Philadelphia, if the way should be found clear, and afterwards in the border States among our friends there who sympathise with us. On sending out Mr. Stuart, a circular was issued, setting forth our objects and our wants in a very direct and simple manner.

After spending some six weeks in an almost fruitless effort to accomplish something—in New York chiefly—he was able to find no pecuniary response to his appeals. On reporting this fact to the Committee, he was promptly relieved of his embarrassing position, and sent to another field. Subsequently, a few donations were received in answer to his appeals—one of $100, and others of smaller sums; in all, $137.50. The expenses of his mission, in the meantime, were more than twice this sum.

At the urgent advice of distinguished brethren who were friendly to us, Mr. Stuart was subsequently sent to Kentucky and Missouri, where his labors not only resulted in bringing funds into our treasury, but in establishing business relations with all parts of that wide field. These are very gratifying results.

In this connection, it is important to state that the Secretary, with the concurrent advice of the Committee, visited the Synod of Texas, in session at Galveston on June 26th. That venerable court gave him, and the Rev. Dr. J. Leighton Wilson, the Secretary of Sustentation and of Foreign Missions, who was also present, a full opportunity to explain the plans of the Church, and to urge the claims of the objects intrusted to their care; and it was very manifest that these addresses, and the private interviews held with them, had a very animating effect on our Texas brethren. They are remote from the larger portion of the Church; the opportunities of intercourse are few and expensive; and the result was that an oppressive feeling of isolation had insensibly seized hold of many. It is believed that the intercourse enjoyed, the information conveyed and received, and the plans adopted, will exert a very salutary influence on the future of that Synod. Some of these plans have been interrupted by the prevalence of the yellow fever this fall in Texas; but the schemes of the Assembly are now fully understood and endorsed by that Synod, and we anticipate cordial co-operation with them all by our brethren there. Valuable results will undoubtedly follow.

PUBLICATIONS.

In our last annual report, we gave the issues of the year at 62,200; but it was then stated that a portion of these books were still in the bindery. On careful examination, it was ascertained that 9,500 books were still unbound, leaving the actual issue from the press by the Committee for that year, the number of 52,700 copies of different works. The result of our active operations in the publishing department, for this year, will be seen by the following table:

Books printed last year, but bound this year, - - -	9,500
Pamphlets, viz., Sermons, Book of Order, etc., - - -	5,600
Catalogues in pamphlet, - - - - - - - -	6,400
Sabbath school and miscellaneous books. - - - -	22,800
Question books and catechisms, - - - - -	12,025
Hymn Books, - - - - - - - - -	20,250
Songs of Praise, - - - - - - - - -	10,000
Making the total issues from the press, - - -	86,575

of which 5,000 copies of the "Songs of Praise" have not yet reached our warerooms, though they are bound and awaiting shipment. In addition to the

above, the aggregate issue of the *Children's Friend* for this year is 333,000 copies.

"THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND."

The publication of this Sabbath-school journal has been continued with gratifying manifestations of public approval. At our last annual report the subscription list had reached the number of 10,500 copies; but during that year the Methodist Episcopal Sabbath School Society of Richmond and its vicinity co-operated with us in its circulation. On the first of January last, the Methodist Church, South, recommenced the publication of their own Sabbath-school paper at Nashville, and the Richmond Society very properly withdrew from our support in order to sustain the enterprise of their own Church. The consequence was that our subscription list was reduced to between six and seven thousand. But since that time its circulation has steadily increased, and now we issue 16,000 copies of the semi-monthly edition, and 3,000 copies of the monthly edition; in all, 19.000. This number is a little in excess of the subscription list; the total number of subscribers being about 18,500. Owing to a reduction in the cost of press work, which is explained below, and to a fall in the price of printing paper, the Committee has reduced the subscription price of this little journal for the next year. It is now offered at the lowest terms at which any of the first class Sabbath-school papers of the country is offered to the public. Many of our people have been induced, by the straitness of the times, to withhold their support from the *Children's Friend;* because they could obtain these other little journals at a less cost. The Committee had no resources at command, on which to rely in publishing this paper, except the subscription money. It has always been offered as nearly at cost as the expense could be calculated; and the advantage of the increase of the circulation and of every favorable change in the prices of materials, has been promptly offered to our Sabbath-schools, and to our Christian families. Now the paper has reached the lowest price at which such periodicals are printed, even by the great national publishing houses, with their many facilities, their large resources, and the immense circulation of their periodicals. The hope is therefore indulged that all of our Sabbath-schools will now give us their countenance and support. The Committee has enjoyed many evidences, not only of the great acceptability of this journal, but also of its wide usefulness. It has stimulated thousands of persons, both youth and adults, to search the Scriptures; and it has been blessed of God in leading precious souls to the saving knowledge of Christ.

In view of these facts, the influence and authority of the General Assembly is invoked in aid of its more extended circulation, until this little journal shall become a welcome visitor to every family of our denomination.

The whole receipts for the *Children's Friend*, during the past year, have been $3,824.35, and the expenses on its account have been $3,541.83, leaving a balance of $282.52, in addition to which, donations of the *Children's Friend* have been made to the amount of $326.98. which amount is included in the donations elsewhere mentioned.

The cost of the *Children's Friend* has been enhanced by the difficulty of having it printed in the city of Richmond. There was no press of the kind required of an adequate size, and the small amount of work of that character done in the city did not justify publishers in making investments for that object. For the same reasons, the Committee has heretofore been compelled to have our book printing done in one of the great cities, which has caused us much inconvenience by making it necessary to have whole editions of books bound at once, whether needed or not; or otherwise to hire a ware-room in one of those cities in which to store our sheets until bound.

Owing to the inconveniences arising from these and other causes, the Secretary felt it necessary to do something to remedy the matter. The amount of capital promised the Committee rendered it improbable that the Assembly expected to buy machinery, or to adopt any other system than that heretofore adopted, which is to do all our work by contract. The demands on our treasury made it impossible to spare money to buy machinery at this time; and the amount of work which we at present require to be done would not keep a press employed

more than one-quarter of its time, even if the Committee owned one. Seeing no prospect of any remedy for the inconveniences under which we labored, the Secretary purchased a press on his own account, adequate for all the work we require, and has contracted to do the Committee's work at the Philadelphia published prices, which are much below the usual prices in Richmond. He has also contracted to transfer the press, etc., to the Assembly, whenever the Assembly shall so order it. The first result of this arrangement is, that the Committee is able to reduce the price of the *Children's Friend*, as already reported.

DONATIONS.

With the large work demanded at our hands, to supply the immediate wants of our Church, the Committee has not been able to do all that ought to have been done for the needy Sabbath-schools and destitute neighborhoods of our country. Nevertheless it has done what it could. Every application made in proper form has been granted; and our benefactions have gone to every State within the bounds of our Church, and into the Indian Territory. The aggregate amount of our grants has been $2,839. Of this amount about one-half has been in our own publications; the rest has been in Bibles, tracts, and the publications of the Presbyterian Board, the American Sunday-School Union, the American Tract Society, the London Religious Tract Society, etc. The Bibles are partly a grant from the British and Foreign Bible Society, made at the close of the war; and partly a grant from the American Bible Society of $195.13, made during the past year.

It would be gratifying to the Committee, did time and room permit, to quote from the letters received in response to these donations. With expressions of gratitude to the Committee as the organ of the Church's bounty, the letters received have cheered us with the knowledge that what we have been able to do, has had the effect of cheering the discouraged pastor, reviving the languishing Sabbath-school, animating the faith of the despondent Christian, and bringing the light of God's precious truth to shine with saving efficacy into benighted hearts.

During the year the expenses of our book agents have been $115.08; which, added to the amount of donations, makes the amount of our benevolent operations $2,954.08.

THE COLORED POPULATION.

Of the donations above alluded to, $422.55 has been given for the benefit of our colored brethren, either for general distribution, or for Sabbath-school uses. Every application made for their benefit has been granted; and the Committee would gladly have done more had the opportunity presented itself. It cannot be denied that causes exist which make our colored neighbors distrustful of us, and but little disposed to look to us for aid. It is to be hoped that the practical knowledge they are acquiring on this subject will eventually dissipate the effects of the false instruction which they receive, and produce more wholesome results. In the meantime, the duty of Christians in the South, among whom this class of our population reside in the greatest numbers, is very plain; which is to do everything in our power to bring them under the influence of a pure gospel.

The last Assembly ordered the preparation of books for their especial benefit. This important duty has not been forgotten nor neglected. The means requisite to stereotype and print large editions of such works we have not had; but under our auspices a Primer, a First Book, and a Spelling Book have been prepared, well adapted to the end desired; and will be published as soon as we have the funds in hand to meet the expense.

AN OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER.

The Committee took under its consideration the establishment of a monthly newspaper, as an organ of communication between the Executive Committees of the Assembly and the lower courts and the churches; but after conference with the Secretary of the other objects whose Committees are located at Columbia, it was determined to refer the matter to this General Assembly. This

paper is especially needed by this Committee as a means of advertising its publications, of publishing additions to the catalogue, and of keeping its work directly before the whole Church. It is proposed to conduct it, if the Assembly shall so order, as other religious newspapers, the respective Committees occupying just so much room as may be necessary, the remainder to be occupied with ecclesiastical intelligence and matter strictly religious, to the exclusion of all controversy and everything secular and political. The object had in view is to combine the advantages of the *Home and Foreign Record* and the *American Messenger*. This matter is respectfully submitted to the Assembly.

BOOK AGENTS.

The plan adopted by the last Assembly has not yet had a very thorough trial, as but little has yet been done on the subject. About twenty have been commissioned, on the recommendation of their respective Presbyteries or Synods, or of corresponding members on behalf of their Presbyteries. Some of these have gone to work earnestly, and have shown their efficiency, justifying the wisdom of their appointment. Others of them have only recently been commissioned; and still others have failed to make us any report of their operations.

While the plan has not been thoroughly inaugurated, it has developed itself sufficiently to show that it requires revision in some respects. The Committee is not able to furnish large supplies of books, to lie idle for months, in charge of an inefficient agent; and hence authority is requested to withdraw the commission of any agents who may be found inefficient, or who fail to comply with our business regulations.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

The action of the last Assembly authorising the appointment of corresponding members of this Committee by the various Presbyteries, has met with universal favor, and we hope is destined to add much to the efficiency of this agency of the Church. The plan has already brought forth good; and if the brethren appointed to this position are generally as attentive to their trusts as some have already proved themselves to be, they will render much assistance to us in promoting this important work.

For aiding these brethren in discharging their duties, and at the request of several of them, the Committee prepared and published a letter of instructions, a copy of which is herewith submitted.

THE WANT OF FUNDS.

This expresses the great want of the Committee. Not only are the elementary books already alluded to awaiting publication, but many manuscripts have been examined and approved by the Committee, which we are compelled to withhold from the public because the funds are wanting. The orders of the last Assembly so far absorbed our funds that we were able only to stereotype one book besides the Hymn Book; and yet some of these books have been on hand more than a year, and the Committee has been very anxious to bring them out. We cannot do impossibilities. Without the funds, no work can be issued. But the impression seems to have gone abroad that this Committee was doing so well, it did not need money; and hence the contributions of the Church to it have fallen much below what we expected.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, we desire to ask the serious consideration of the General Assembly to the important interests intrusted to this Committee. The work does not diminish, but expands. The fields are white unto the harvest, and the call comes to us to thrust in the sickle and reap. We are not able to keep abreast with the work unless the Church shall exercise a more enlarged liberality to this cause. But we believe that the fault lies not wholly with our people. The pastors and supplies of our churches have been remiss in many instances in presenting this cause before their congregations. Let us all reconsider our duty, and enter upon it with a fresh consecration, looking for the

blessing of the King and Head of the Church. The work is his. It is a great honor he bestows upon us in allowing us to be his co-workers.

With a profound sense of our unfitness for so great responsibilities as he has given us, but with an abiding conviction of the great importance of this agency of the Church in disseminating the gospel of Christ, we surrender our trusts to the General Assembly, invoking on it and its deliberations the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

By order of the Committee,

E. THOMPSON BAIRD,
SECRETARY OF PUBLICATION.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF PUBLICATION.

Report of C. GENNET, *Treasurer of Publication of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.*

The Treasurer of Publication reports his receipts for the year ending October 31st, 1867, to be as follows:

Balance from late Treasurer			$ 1,944 29
Balance from Depositary			712 58
Donations	$8,771 05		
Donations received by late Treasurer	27 82	— 8,798 87	
Collected by general agents		9,392 57	— 18,191 44
Sales of Publications		13,944 62	
Subscriptions to *Children's Friend*		3,824 35	— 17,768 97
			$38,617 28

DISBURSEMENTS.

Books and publications		$21,343 27	
Children's Friend		3,541 83	
Salaries—Secretary		3,000 00	
House rent for Secretary		1,000 00	
Depositary and Clerk	1,490 00		
Treasurer	200 00	— 1,690 00	
General Agents' salary and travelling expenses		2,687 57	
Travelling expenses of Secretary and Committee of Rev'n,	529 60		
Removing Secretary's family to Richmond	200 00	— 729 60	
General expenses		4,705 51	— $38,697 78
Balance due Treasurer			$80 50

CHAS. GENNET, TREASURER.

The undersigned, charged with that duty by the Publication Committee of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, having examined the accounts of the Treasurer, find them correct, and that the balance due him on the 1st of November, 1867, was eighty dollars and fifty cents.

J. M. HERNDON, } *Committee.*
B. R. WELLFORD. }

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF PRESBYTERIES.

MINISTERS, LICENTIATES, AND CANDIDATES.	POST OFFICES.	CHURCHES.	Communicants added on Examination.	Communicants added on Certificate.	Total of Communicants.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	Children in S. S. and Bible Classes.	Funds raised for Domestic Missions.	Funds raised for Foreign Missions.	Funds raised for Sustentation.	Funds raised for Education.	Funds raised for Publication.	Commissioners' and Contingent.	Congregational.	Miscellaneous.
SYNOD OF ALABAMA.																
1. *Presby of East Alabama.*																
R. C. Smith, Professor,	Talmage, Ga.,	Oglethorpe University,														
J. M. McKee, P.	Montgomery, Ala..															
	Orion, Ala..	Orion, P.		1	32		1		15						250	
	Oakley, Ala..	Providence, S. S.	1		37		1		15						500	
A. B. McCorkle, S. S.	Talladega, Ala..	Talladega, S. S.	19	2	140	9	1		178			10	35	30	1375	
G. R. Foster, P.	Wetumpka, Ala.,	Wetumpka, P.	10	6	62	5	12	73	16	5			23	20	1133	9
F. McMurray, P.	Union Springs, Ala..	Union Springs, P.	2	12	78		3		46	15				18	631	
	Arbor Vitæ, Ala..	Bethel, P.	4	1	188				13	10				27	412	
Geo. H. W. Petrie, D. D., P.	Montgomery, Ala..	Montgomery, P.	5	16	214	1	10	260	157	190		125	100	81	3660	500
James K. Hazen, P.	Prattville, Ala..	Prattville, P.	8		77	3	10	200	195			10		20	1000	169
O. F. Smith, P.	Jacksonville, Ala..	Jacksonville, P.	1	1	103		1	35	25					20		5
	Jacksonville, Ala..	Bethesda, P.			22									10	75	
James H. Nall, S. S.	Tuskegee, Ala.,	Tuskegee, V.	1	2	81		6	53						25	750	15
	Greenville, Ala..	Greenville, S. S.	1	9	40			62	30	16		10	13	18	555	37
R. Nall, D. D., Evangelist.	Tuskegee, Ala..															
Wm. Swift, S. S.	Fort Deposite, Ala.,	Sandy Ridge, S. S.			100											
	Calhoun, Ala..	Calhoun, S. S.			25											
H. L. Harvey.	Brazil, S. A.,															
J. L. Reed, D. M.	Chambers C. H., Ala.,	Lebanon, S. S.			58											
	Chambers C. H., Ala.,	Lafayette, S. S.			24											
	Mellow Valley, Ala..	Pleasant Grove, S. S.			33											
	Hackneyville, Ala..	Mount Pisgah, S. S.			55											
	New Harmony, Ala..	New Harmony, S. S.	2		85		2	35	5			10		15	200	
C. A. Baker, P. E.	Benton, Ala..	Good Hope, P. E.			22											
Geo. L. Petrie, Prof.	Rodney, Miss..	Oakland College, Miss.														
Nathanael Hood, D. M.	Ladiga, Ala..	Carmel, S. S.	6		112		8							5	225	10

	Leesburg, Ala..	Concord, S. S.	1	4	22												
	Gadsden, Ala..	Gadsden, S. S.			10												
C. C. Newman, S. S.	Oxford, Ala.,	Oxford, S. S.	8		31	2	1								175		
	Silver Run, Ala..	New Lebanon, S. S.	1	3	30				5						140		
	Eastaboga, Ala..	Marble Springs, S. S.	4		73				51			18			400	10	
A. D. Campbell, W. C.	Louisville, Ala..	Pea River,			125												
	Eufaula, Ala.,	Palmyra,			85												
J. G. Downing,	Okolona, Miss.,																
James M. McLean,	Fayetteville, Ala..	Fayetteville, S. S.			6												
	Weoguf'ka, Ala..	Unity, S. S.			25												
	Bradford, Ala.,	Hatchet Creek, S. S.	29	3	130		7							15	260		
A. H. Mathes, S. S.	Fort Gaines, Ga..																
Timothy Root, Chaplain.	Wetumpku, Ala.,																
—22	Lowndesboro, Ala.,	Lowndesboro, V.			20												
	Hayneville, Ala..	Hayneville, V.			20				12					20			
	Eufaula, Ala.,	Eufaula, V.			75												
	Geneva, Ala.,	Geneva, V.			15												
	Cross Keys, Ala.,	Calebee, S. S.	1	1	9		1								200		
	Clayton, Ala.	Pleasant View, V.			30												
	Nixburg, Ala..	Nixburg, V.			8												
	Auburn, Ala.,	Auburn, V.															
	Opelika, Ala.,	Opelika, V.			8												
	Almirante, Fla.,	Almirante, V.															
Licentiate—1.	Pea River, Ala.,	Philadelphia, V.—42.			10												
J. C. Sturgeon,																	
Candidates—2.			104	61	2323	20	70	718	$1063	$146		$183	$171	$322	$11914	$803	
2. *Presb'y of South Alabama*																	
H. A. Smith, S. S.	Centreville, Ala..	Centreville, S. S.			49												
	Columbiana, "	Columbiana, S. S.			15												
P. J. Sparrow,* D.D., S. S.	Cahaba, "	Cahaba, S. S.			35												
E. Anderson, W. C.	Summerfield, "																
J. D. Porter, W. C.	Selma, "																
H. R. Raymond, P.	Marion, "	Marion, P.	27	9	216	7	4	100		107	106	100	60	40	1625	160	
W. H. McAuley, S. S.	Selma, "	Pisgah, S. S.			109												
James Watson, P.	Selma, "	Valley Creek, P.			181									50			
	Summerfield, "	Mt. Pleasant, S. S.			82												
A. J. Witherspoon, P.	Linden, "	Montpelier, P.			12												
	Nanafalia, "	Geneva, P.			85									6			
J. C. Mitchell, P.	Mobile, "	2d Church, Mobile, P.			156												

MINISTERS.	POST OFFICES.	CHURCHES.	Com. on ex.	Com. on cer.	Total Com.	Adults Bap.	Infants Bap.	Ch. in S. S. & B. C.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Miss'ns.	Sustentation.	Education.	Publication.	Com'rs & Con. Fund.	Congregational.	Miscellaneous
G. W. Boggs, S. S.	Evergreen, Ala.	Evergreen, S. S.			15											
J. R. Burgett, D. D., P.	Mobile, "	Government St. Ch., P.	10	13	340			170		200	1157	321	200	75	13063	1435
J. N. Lewis, S. S.	Milton, Fla.	Bagdad, S. S.			20											
J. A. Walker, Miss.	Selma, Ala.															
I. H. Salter, Evangelist,	Lower Peach Tree, Ala.															
W. A. Carter, P.	Pensacola, Fla.	Pensacola, P.			25											
W. J. Lowry, P.	Selma, Ala.	Selma, P.			158											
J. S. Arbuthnot, P.	Marion, "	Fairview, P.			32											
	Newbern, "	Newbern, S. S.			14											
	Uniontown, "	Uniontown, S. S.			46											
J. H. Rice, D. D., P.	Mobile, "	3d Church, Mobile, P.		7	95		3	45		85	199	20	112	18	3502	
Wm. Neil, City Missionary,	Mobile, "															
—19.	Lower P. Tree, Ala.	Hopewell, V.			50									8		
	Monroeville, "	Scotland, V.			115											
	Airmount, "	Airmount, V.			33											
	Stockton, "	Baldwin, V.			12											
	Camden, "	Camden, V.			49									8		
	Rehoboth, "	Shell Creek, V.			64											
	Cahaba, "	Adams' Grove, S. S.			32		2			31	49		39	15	700	
	Richmond, "	Centre Ridge, V.			130											
	McKinley, "	McKinley, V.			17											
	Bell's Landing, Ala.	Bell's Landing, V.			22											
	Dayton, "	Dayton, V.			18									5		
	Claiborne, "	Claiborne, V.			15											
	Marion, "	Bethesda, V.	4	3	40		3							3	100	
	Shiloh, "	Laurel, V.			39		6							6		
	Ashville, "	Ashville, V.			10											
Candidates—5.	Wilsonville, "	Scott's Grove, S. S.—35.	4	12	16	1	2								700	
			45	44	2347	8	20	315		$423	1511	441	$411	$234	$19690	$1595
3. *Presb'y of Tuskaloosa.*																
R. W. B. Kennedy, W. C.	Pleasant Ridge, Ala.	(*infirm health.*)														
N. R. Morgan, S. S.	Eutaw, "	Bethsalem, S. S.			22											
R. B. White, D. D., W. C.	Winchester, Va.															
C. A. Stillman, D. D., P.	Gainesville, Ala.	Gainesville, P.		2	105		4	210		120	133	115		11	1700	250
J. Somerville, S. S.	Bridgeville, "	Sardis, S. S.			25											
A. P. Silliman, Agent,	Lauderdale St'n, Miss.	Agent for Com. of Pub.														

J. W. Pratt, W. C.	Brooklyn, N. Y.	Teacher,														
T. S. Winn, P.	Havanna, Ala.	Concord, P.	11	3	108	1	8	30		14	50	20		12	420	304
		Carthage, P.	1	4	61		2	30			7	58		9	300	
		Mount Zion, P.			55			40			31	68		9	269	20
S. J. Bingham, S. S.	Lauderdale St'n, Miss.	Oxford, S. S.	2		74	1		15	15	5	4	6			150	150
		Elizabeth, S. S.			55		1		5	3	3	6			175	
B. F. Peters, W. C.	Fayetteville, Ala.															
W. L. Kennedy, S. S.	Pleasant Ridge, Ala.	New Hope, S. S.	1		56	1	2					12		9	300	
		Hebron, S. S.			60		2					35		14	300	
D. D. Sanderson, P.	Eutaw, Ala.	Eutaw, P.	1	2	100	1	3	40	45	143		80	3		1630	247
A. M. Watson, P.	Bridgeville, Ala.	Oak Grove, P.	2	2	101		3	25	20			44			650	225
		Mount Olivet, S. S.	10		70	6	8								50	
C, M. Hutton, P.	Pleasant Ridge, Ala.	Pleasant Ridge, P.		4	73			85	25	32		71	21		500	125
		Bethesda, P.	12	3	48	3	1	25	20	18		95	11		315	75
M. J. McLean, S. S.	Bridgeville, Ala.	Memphis.		1	9	1										
J. W. Phillips, S. S.	Demopolis, "	Demopolis, S. S.	3	8	25	1								6	600	
		Livingston, S. S.		1	51		2									600
		Tuskaloosa, V.			100											
J. M. P. Otts, (*in transitu.*) —17.	Columbia, Tenn.															
		Pleasant Grove, V.														
Licentiate—1.		Hadden, V.	11		65	3	2		5	5		8			300	
W. B. Bingham, S. S.	Clinton, Ala.	Ebenezer, S. S.			163			34							101	25
		Bethel, S. S.	2		122	2										
Candidates—3.		Greensboro, V.			88											
		Elyton, V.														
		Cedar Grove, V.														
		Luxuepellila, V.														
		Pickensville, S. S.—28.	5	6	11	4									75	
SYNOD OF ARKANSAS.																
1. *Presb'y of Arkansas.*			61	36	1647	24	38	534	$135	$340	$228	$618	$38	$70	$7835	$2021
J. W. Moore, S. S.	Austin, Ark.	Sylvania, S. S.	25	4	84	4	2			8	17		6	17	50	
Thos. R. Welch, P.	Little Rock, Ark.	Little Rock, P.	7	12	108	4	16	120		325	85		50	27	2500	100
S. W. Davies,	Augusta, Ark.	Augusta, S. S.	3		20	1	3			30	41		23	5	400	
John Anderson,	Jacksonport, Ark.	Cotton Plant, P.	12	1	72	9	4	60		30	41		23	20	600	
J. W. McCord,	Walnut Grove, Ark.	Jacksonport, S. S.	12	2	20	3					30			5		19
I. J. Long, S. S.	Batesville, Ark.	Batesville, S. S.	14	6	40	2	9	30		22	22			10	150	
L. McNeely,	Des Arc, Ark.	Des Arc, V.			10											
R. W. Shive, S. S.	Searcy, Ark.	Searcy, S. S,	4	4	22					16	12			5	400	120
H. C. Brown, P. E.—9.	Clarendon, Ark.	Macedonia, P. E.	16	8	24	10	5	25							350	
	Wattensaw, Ark.	Wattensaw, S. S.	18		63	15		35		3	8				160	

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	Helena, Ark.	Helena, V.			20		2				48					
	Dardanelle, Ark.	Dardanelle, V.	7		31		8			15	23					
	Crooked Creek, Ark.	New Hope, V.	1	5	20		4							5		
	Fort Smith, Ark.	Fort Smith, S. S. "									7					
Candidate—1.	Van Buren, Ark.	Van Buren, V.			9											
	Norristown, Ark.	Norristown, V. "														
	Brownsville, Ark.	Brownsville, V. "														
	Powhatan, Ark.	Powhatan, V.														
	Smithville, Ark.	Lebanon, V.														
	Greenwood, Ark.	Bethel, V.														
	Bentonville, Ark.	Bentonville, V.														
	Wittsburg, Ark.	Mount Hope, V.														
	Galley Rock, Ark.	Union, V.—23.														
		" No Report.														
			119	42	543	48	53	270		$149	$334		$102	$94	$1610	$239
2. *Presbytery of Indian.*																
C. Kingsbury, D. D.	Doaksville, C. N.	Pine Ridge, S. S.	5		40			50		21	5			4		
C. Byington,	Belpre, Ohio.															
E. Hotchkin,*	Doaksville, C. N.	Living Land, S. S.		3	64		2	66		5	5			10	27	
A. Reid,	Doaksville, C. N.	Spencer Academy, S. S.	15		50	8	6	40		10	5	5	5	4		
H. Balentine,	Boggy Depot, C. N.	Wapanucka, S. S.	2		18	1								3		
S. Foreman,	Tahlequah, Cher. Nat.															
C. C. Copeland,	Wheelock, C. N.	Wheelock, S. S.	9	1	75	3	8	30		7	10			5	20	
O. P. Stark, W. C.	Paris, Texas.															
A. Wright—9.	Boggy Depot, C. N.	Chickasaw, S. S.	4		18			23		17	5		10	4	150	
Licentiates—2.																
Thomas H. Benton,	Skullyville, C. N.															
Joseph M. Perryman.	Mieco, Creek Nation.															
		Mountain Fork, V.	3		24						5					
		Mount Zion, V.	3		16	2	2									
		Lenox, V.			25											
		Good Water, V.			9			40								
		Good Land, V.	7		107		3	21		5	5				25	
		Chish Oktak, V.			8											
		Bennington, V.	3		20	2	3			10			5			
		Six Town, V.			17											

		Mt. Pleasant, V.	12		17	4			4					50		
		Jackson Fork, V.—16.			19		28									
			63	4	527	20	24	301	$79	$40	$5	$20	$32	$272		
3. *Presb'y of Ouachita.*																
S. Williamson, D. D., P.	Washington, Ark.	Washington, P.			92		5				42		15			
A. R. Banks, S. S.	Rocky Mount, La.															
A. L. Crawford, S. S.	Arkadelphia, Ark.	Arkadelphia, S. S.	12	16	62	2	7		11	15			15	1378		
	" "	Carolina, S. S.		7	30				38				10	75		
M. A. Patterson, W. C.	Mount Holly, "	Mount Holly, S. S.	10		74	1	1	50					12			
M. J. Wallace, S. S.	Marlbrook, "	Marlbrook, S. S.	4		32	2	4	25		22	25		10	200		
	Washington, "	Greenwood, S. S.	8	1	58	2	2	15			25		10	200		
C. R. Smith, S. S.	Vienna, La.															
L. Murray, S. S.	Hamburg, "	Hamburg, S. S.	2		17	1							5	150		
S. Orr, S. S.	Princeton, "	Pleasant Grove, S. S.	2		27		1			7	4		5			
J. A. Dickson, P.	Monticello, "	Monticello, P.	24	6	71	6	13	72		15	13	7	20	700	33	
E. McNair, S. S.	Pine Bluff, "	Pine Bluff, S. S.	10	15	67	4	16	125		30			12	800		
David Kerr, S. S.	Johnsville, "	Calvary, S. S.	16	2	78	3	1				10		12			
	Warren, "	Warren, S. S.			25											
J. F. Watson, S. S.	Camden, "	Camden, S. S.	2	10	26		3			23			10	595		
	Camden, "	Mount Horeb, S. S.			10											
J. M. Brown, S. S.	Relf's Bluff, "	Mount Zion, S. S.	19	11	75	3	4									
Thomas M. Boyd, W. C.	Spring Hill, "															
W. S. Lacy, W. C., *infirm.*	El Dorado, "															
J. M. Hoge—16.	Manchester, Iowa,															
	Richmond, Ark.	Richmond, V.			12											
Candidate—1.	Scotland, "	Scotland, V.			55								10			
	Three Creeks, "	Three Creeks, V.			12								8			
	Hillsboro, "	LePile, V.			2											
	New London, "	Ebenezer, V.			12											
	Tulip, "	Tulip, V.			16											
	Princeton, "	Princeton, S. S.	11	1	33		3			14			10	250		
		Richland, S. S.—23.														
			120	69	886	24	60	287	$79	$126	$119	$7	$164	$4348	$33	
SYNOD OF GEORGIA.																
1. *Presb'y of Atlanta.*																
J. S. Wilson, D. D., P.	Atlanta, Ga.	1st Church, Atlanta, P.	1	15	177						63		15	1943		
James Stacy, P.	Newnan, "	Newnan, P.	1	4	103		1	63		10	37		10	400		
		White Oak, S. S.	3		34	3	1				12			221		
W. M. Cunningham, D. D., SS	LaGrange, Ga.	LaGrange, S. S.		20	119		4			45	2		10	600	30	

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		West Point, V.	3	4	70	1	4	80			20				300	
R. T. Marks, *	White Sulp'r Sp'gs, Ga	White Sulphur Sp'gs, SS														
John Jones, P.	Griffin, Ga.	Griffin, P.	8	4	70	1	2			15	30				1200	
A. G. Peden, S. S.	Griffin, Ga.	Friendship, S. S.														
W. J. Keith, S. S.	Griffin, Ga.	Philadelphia, S. S.	5	2	62	1										
Robert Logan,	Ringgold, Ga.	Brainerd, V.			20											
R. K. Porter, P.	Atlanta, Ga.	Central Ch., Atlanta, P.	2	27	154		9	128			34	58	700		3496	
T. F. Montgomery, *in trans.*	Atlanta, Ga.	Ebenezer, S. S.	3	2	49	2	2	30				17		5		
R. C. Ketchum, T.	Atlanta, Ga.	Villa Rica, V.	5		15	3						1				
Henry Quigg, P. E.	Covington, Ga.	Bethany, P. E.	6		69	3	2	50				20		5	400	10
		Smyrna, S. S.	37	4	130	8	7	20	3	5				3	500	
M. D. Wood, P. E.	Decatur, Ga.	Decatur, P. E.	16	8	129	4	10	90		7	13	50	20	10	700	80
		Conyers, S. S.	10	3	43		7	35		2	2	15	1	3	60	32
James Wilson, T.	Decatur, Ga.	Fairview, V.			50											
Washington Baird, D. M.	Jonesboro, Ga.	Fellowship, S. S.	1		18		1		3					3		
—15		Greenville, V.	9		45	1	3					10		3	40	
		Alcovia, V.			19											
		Goshen, V.			17											
		Carrollton, V.	2		14							5				
Candidates—4.		McDonough, V.														
		Long Cane, V.														
		Zebulon, V.														
		Forsyth, V.														
		Jackson, V. —28.														
			112	93	1407	27	53	496	$6	$46	$151	$290	$721	$67	$9860	$152
2. *Presbytery of Augusta.*																
S. S. Davis, D. D., W. C.	Augusta, Ga.	Bethany,														
C. P. Beman, D. D., S. S.	Mount Zion, Ga.	Mount Zion,	1		39							15		10	90	
Henry Safford, D. M.	Greenesboro, "	Woodstock,			41						11			7		
Henry Newton, S. S.	Jefferson, "	Thyatira,														
		Pleasant Grove,														
G. H. Cartledge, P.	Bold Spring, "	Hebron,	9	5	120	8	6	40			1			7	200	
		Homer,	7		147	9	4	80						3	200	
W. Flinn, P.	Milledgeville, "	Milledgeville,		2	73		4	50		50	120	15	20	15	850	125
C. W. Lane, S. S.	Greenesboro, "	Greensboro,	3		53	7				46	60			10	725	
J. R. Wilson, D. D.	Augusta, "	Augusta,	15	16	375	3	10	200		220	1600	180	200	50	6000	3000

R. A. Houston, Teacher,	Mayfield, Ga.	Sparta.														
James Woodrow, Prof.	Columbia, S. C.	Prof. Theo. Seminary, Lexington,			20			50							50	
F. T. Simpson, S. S.	Washington, Ga.	South Liberty.														
J. B. Dunwody, Teacher,	" "	Madison,	4	1	32	1	2	15			13				362	160
J. J. Robinson, D. D.	Eufaula, Ala.	Monticello,														
T. P. Cleveland, P.	Danielsville, Ga.	Danielsville,	4	3	25	4	1	25		10	2		2	5		3
		Sandy Creek.	1	1	47	1	1			4	5		3	5	100	
		New Hope,		1	77			50		2	5		5	10		8
E. M. Green, P.	Washington, Ga.	Washington,	2	1	70		4	32		97	155	154	26	15	1123	20
J. D. W. Burkhead, P.	Athens, "	Athens,	48	8	343	16	16	75						30		141
P. C. Morton, S. S.	Clarksville, "	Clarksville,	13	1	44		5	104		22	61		24	5	143	42
		Carnesville.	15	11	30	4	3	68		7	9			2	28	5
F. Jacobs, P.—18.	Berzelia, "	Waynesboro & Bath.														
		Eatonton,														
		Concord,														
Licentiate—1.		Pleasant Hill,	2	1	26		2	25								
S. F. Tenney.	Columbia, S. C.	Harmony,	3		40	1	1	22		4	80			2	15	10
		Appling,														
		Goshen,														
		Gainesville,														
		Elberton—31.			11											
3. *Presb'y of Cherokee.*			127	51	1613	55	59	876		$462	$2122	$364	$280	$178	$9886	$3514
N. A. Pratt, D. D., P.	Roswell, Ga.	Roswell. P.		4	57	1	1	14		79	26	20	15	13		
	Marietta, "	New Lebanon, V.			15											
A. Y. Lockridge, P.	Ringgold, "	Chickamauga, P.		9	92		3					20				
	Tunnel Hill, "	Tunnel Hill, V.														
T. C. Crawford, P.	Dirt Town, "	Bethel, P.	9		69	4	3	50				10		4	100	51
		Sardis.			81											
A. G. Johnson, S. S.	Euharlee, "	Euharlee, S. S.	16	12	79	5	6								250	330
	Cartersville, "	Friendship, S. S.	1	13	37		2	20				58		4	225	
John W. Baker, D. M.	Marietta, "	Kingston, S. S.			12										10	
		Manassas.			10											
R. M. Baker, D. M.	Lafayette, "	Lafayette, S. S.	6		55	1		40		12	8					
		Armuchee, S. S.			12											
	Ringgold, "	Pea Vine, S. S.	1		18											
E. P. Palmer, P. (*in trans.*	Alexandria, La.	Marietta, P.	6	2	144	2	15	70		10	15	20		20	800	
	Harmony, Ga.	Harmony, S. S.														
James A. Wallace,		Dahlonega.														

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R. F. Taylor, P.	Summerville, Ga.	Summerville, P.			70											
		Walnut Grove, P.	22	2	75	13	7				8				175	
		Alpine, P.			65											
S. E. Axson, P.	Rome, Ga.	Rome, P.	3	15	122	2	1	80	14	91	148	83	23	20	1626	1661
		Floyd Springs, V.														
		Beersheba,			41											
R. W. Milner, S. S.	Acworth, Ga.	Mars Hill, S. S.	31	1	84	11	14	60								
		Midway, S. S.			40											
		Carthage, S. S.	4			1	1							5	150	
H. C. Carter, S. S.	Dalton, Ga.	Dalton, S. S.			56		24				7	4			100	
		Spring Place, S. S.														
R. H. Walton, W. C.—13. *Candidates*—2.	Cassville, Ga.	Cedar Valley, V.—28.														
			99	61	1234	40	80	334	$44	$192	$212	$215	$38	$66	$3436	$2042
4. *Presb'y of Florida.*																
J. Little, P.	Quincy, Fla.	Quincy, P.		2	125		5	50		29					1500	40
J. E. DuBose, P.	Tallahassee, "	Tallahassee, P.	18	6	100	3	5	40			60		10		1700	100
D. Fraser, P.	Monticello, "	Monticello, P.		8	60		1	42		36	60		11	30	1475	310
T. L. DeVeaux, P.	Madison, "	Madison, P.	7	3	57	3	6	20		14	13			15	550	225
W. H. Crane, T.	Quincy, "	Marianna, V.			12											
D. Comfort, P.	Boston, Ga.	Bethany, P.	2	6	50		3	57		2	12		5	5	144	20
E. Lee, W. C.		Jamonia, V.			20											
E. P. Crane, Prof.	Pittsburg, Pa.	Mineral Spring, S. S.		2	20		2	25	15	15	15	15	15	10	600	23
W. E. Hamilton, S. S.	Bainbridge, Ga.	Bainbridge, S. S.	2	2	43		2	70	22					10	572	
W. P. Harrison, S. S.	Knox Hill, Fla.	Euchee Valley, S. S.			215		3		14	9	11					
S. F. Halliday, W. C.	Newnansville, "	St Augustine,													500	500
W. B. Telford, S. S.	Live Oak, "	Jacksonville, S. S.	3	7	21		2	30								
J. McKittrick, W. C.	Boston, Ga.	Micanopy, S. S.	2	1	21		5				18		6	10	350	12
A. W. Clisby, P.	Thomasville, "	Thomasville, P.	6	18	82	3	2	75		29	45		30	20	700	75
		Palatka, V.	4		25										50	200
		Lake City, V.			20											
A. E. Chandler, S. S.	Waeahoota, Fla.	Orange Creek, S. S.			6											
J. W. Montgomery, S. S.	Ocala, "	Ocala, S. S.			20											
		Hamilton, V.			20											
J. Brown, S. S.	Live Oak, "	Suwannee, S. S.		3	12											
A. Baker, P.	Fernandina, "	Fernandina, P.	2	1	28			35						10	300	100

		Oakland, P.		2	14					13	15			10	450	20
		Kanapaha, S. S.			8		33								360	
J. H. Alexander, P.	Quitman, Ga.	Quitman, P.	11	8	48		5	40		15				10	200	1606
T. A. Carruth, S. S.	Wellborn, Fla.	Houston, S. S.	18	2	35	9	4								152	
		Valdosta, P.			23		2	55		8	8		5	10	203	526
Charles Kenmore,	Tallahassee, Fla.	Bethlehem, S. S.			23		6				11			10	200	5
W. J. McCormick, S. S.—21	Gainesville, Fla.	Gainesville, S. S.			19		1			5	14		5		200	9
Licentiate—1.																
J. Woodruff.	Gainesville, Fla.	Stockton, S. S.—29.	2		8		10	26						1	90	
Candidate—1.																
			77	70	1145	18	67	565	$51	$175	$282	$15	$117	$151	$10296	$3771
5. *Presbytery of Macon.*		Fort Gaines, S. S.			41		1							5		
J. C. McCain, S. S.		Lumpkin, V.												5		
J. N. Bradshaw, S. S.	Powellville, Ga.	Cuthbert, P.	18		50	3	9							10	1000	513
H. Hendee, T.	Macon, Ga.	Pachitla, S. S.	13		140	13		21	2	25	28	35	13		600	29
H. Hoyt,	Bainbridge, Ga.	Americus, S. S.												10		
F. R. Goulding,	Roswell, Ga.	Mount Tabor, V.														
		Albany, V.														
J. L. King, S. S.	Geneva, Ga.	New Hopewell.	1		20											
		Perry, V.												5		
C. P. B. Martin,	Augusta, Ga.	Mount Zion, V.														
		Muscogee, S. S.	4		25		4				7		10	4	200	
		Smyrna, S. S.														
Luther H. Wilson, S. S.	Whitney, Ga.	Ephesus, S. S.	1		42						6		5	8	200	
David Wills, D. D., P.	Macon, "	Macon, P.	7	6	218	2	12	80		55	500	65	10		5000	
T. E. Smith, P.	Cuthbert, "	Emmaus, V.														
Wm. A. Hall, P. —11	Columbus, "	Columbus, P.—16.	26	10	352	2	16	200		47	261		49		4812	
Candidate—1.																
			70	16	888	20	42	304	$2	$127	$802	$100	$87	$47	$11812	$542
6. *Presbyt'y of Savannah.*																
D. L. Buttolph, (*in trans.*)	Marietta, "	Flemington, S. S.	2		66		5	55		10	18		7		500	20
David H. Porter, P.	Savannah, "	1st Ch., Savannah, P.	3	15	76	1	5	50		20	33	25			2500	330
N. P. Quarterman, S. S.	Walthourville, Ga.	Walthourville, S. S.		2	181		2	40		23	12	6	18	25	700	38
R. Q. Way, P.	Mount Vernon, "	Mount Vernon, P.		6	54		2	25				30			600	262
James S. Cozby, P.	Savannah, Ga.	Bryan Neck, P.														
I. S. K. Axson, D. D., P.	Savannah, "	Ind. Pres., P.														
C. B. King, P.	Savannah, "	White Bluff Cong., P.														
	St. Mary's, "	St. Mary's, S. S.	4	1	15			31		12	20		18		300	25
J. H. Myers, D. D., W. C.	Oyster Bay, L. I.	Brunswick, S. S.	4	3	22			55							70	12
H. L. Deane, W. C.—9.	Griffin, Ga.	Waynesville, V.														
Candidates—2.		Darien, V.—9.	13	27	411	1	14	256		$65	$83	$61	$43	$25	$4670	$687

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SYNOD OF MEMPHIS.																
1. *Presb'y of Chickasaw.*																
T. C. Stuart, W. C., *infirm.*	Pontotoc, Miss.	Monroe, V.			42											
A. M. Mooney, W. C. "	Pontotoc, Miss.	Oak Forest, S. S.			33		1									
Wm. A. Gray, P.	Ripley, Miss.	Ripley, P.			75											
		Walnut Creek, S. S.			35										200	
L. B. Gaston, S. S.	Corinth, Miss.	New Hope, S. S.	10	2	47		3								200	
		Ebenezer, S. S.	4	1												
		Corinth, S. S.	5	1	25	1					85				500	
J. N. Waddel, D. D., Pres.	Oxford, Miss.	Oxford, S. S.	13	11	56	1	4	115			8			14	216	
F. Patton, P.	Oxford, Miss.	Lebanon, P.	8	1	152		8				22				330	5
		Hopewell, S. S.	3	3	122	1	4	25								
		Sarepta, S. S.			50											
O. F. Rogers, S. S.		Providence, S. S.	6		13	1	4									
J. A. Kimmons, S. S.	Saltillo, Miss.	Unity, S. S.		1	51		1							4	100	
		Hebron, S. S.	19		70	6	1									
		Gaston, S. S.			15											
J. H. Gaillard, P.	Coonewah, Miss.	Zion, P.	2	11	166	1	1			12			8	5	550	
		New Albany, S. S.			19					6	6		5		150	
J. D. West, S. S.	Pontotoc, Miss.	Pontotoc, S. S.	2	1	65	2		45		25	17		20	5	400	
—10.		Bethany, V.			20											
Candidates—2.		Harmony, S. S.	5		105		3				18	16	15	10	375	
		Tallahatchie, S. S.—21.	2	3	12											
			79	35	1200	13	30	185		$43	$156	$16	$48	$38	$3021	$5
2. *Presbytery of Memphis.*																
D. H. Cummins, P.	Covington, Tenn.	Covington, P.	1	2	70		2	50	83	52	50		260	10	500	225
		Portersville, S. S.	10	4	111	2	3	58		19	25	8	18	16	311	121
		Mount Lebanon, S. S.		1	24		2			5	11	7	7	5	100	5
J. H. Gray, D. D., S. S.	LaGrange, Tenn.	LaGrange, S. S.	4	7	37	4	1	75		21	20			5	250	75
		Saulsbury, S. S.	6	8	40	5	3		20	17				5	350	100
		Ebenezer, S. S.	12	3	33	5	6	30	10	10					300	12
R. R. Evans, P.	Germantown, Tenn.	Germantown, P.	19	2	66	11	6	40	15				19	8	400	325
		Salem, P.	1	2	27				4					7	200	
		Bethesda, S. S.	10	6	16	8									100	
J. O. Stedman, D. D., P.	Memphis, Tenn.	1st Ch., Memphis, P.	20	20	200	4	13	145	190	144	1013		220	30	3500	2650
W. H. Thompson, P.	Bolivar, "	Bolivar, V.	10	6	48								110		400	

		Mt. Bethany, P.			31		8		8					8	200		
S. S. Gill, S. S.	Hickory Withe, Tenn.	Hickory Withe, S. S.	24	5	114	10	9	50	40			37		16	375	30	
		Macon, S. S.	2	7	51		4	25	22				12	10	400	15	
A. W. Young, W. C.	Memphis, "	Walnut Grove, V.															
A. H. Kerr, D. D., P.	Delta, "	Delta, P.	1	2	56		1				70						
Jas. Holmes, D. D., Teach.	Covington, "	Raleigh, V.			10			35				3	2				
F. C. Morris, S. S.	Osceola, Ark.	Osceola, S. S.			25		2								18		
		Cypress Grove, S. S.			12										50		
S. B. O. Wilson, P.	Covington, Tenn.	Mt. Carmel, P.	3	4	103		8	100	57	83	30	30	218	15	909	422	
Philip H. Thompson, S. S.	Louisville, Ky.	Woodlawn, S. S.	7	17	34								11				
		Bellemonte, S. S.			10									7	300		
		Emmaus, S. S.			90							31			300		
J. D. Meredith, Teacher.	LaGrange, Tenn.																
T. D. Witherspoon, P.	Memphis, "	2d Ch., Memphis, P.	61	46	322	23	19	132		183	406	250		20	5993	1511	
Wm. A. Sample, P.	Memphis, "	3d Ch., Memphis, P.	10	12	63	1	5	125	15	10				7	1109	200	
J. Rosamond, W. C.		Daneyville, S. S.			38		5	40		20	12	8	12	5	600	40	
Geo. A. Russell, S. S.	Somerville, "	Somerville, S. S.	2	7	47	1	4	35						10	800	400	
Wm. A. Hall, W. C.	Covington, "																
John S. Park, S. S.—19.	Memphis, "	Park Avenue Ch., S. S.	2	25	27		5	70							1000	1500	
Candidate—1.		—28.															
			205	186	1705	71	106	1310	$464	$563	$1637	$377	$889	$178	$18465	$7628	
3. Presb'y of N. Miss.																	
Angus Johnson, S. S.	Holly Springs, Miss.	Philadelphia, S. S.	9	6	95	2	4	25	35	12				5	375	50	
S. I. Reid, S. S.	" " "	Edmiston, S. S.	15	4	62	2	6		20		20			5	450	33	
W. T. Savage, S. S.	Grenada, "	Centre, S. S.	6		37	3	3		7	8							
A. H. Caldwell, S. S.	Sardis, "	Bethesda, S. S.													5		
A. Enloe, S. S.	Water Valley, "	Sand Spring, S. S.			108	1	5	20	5						400	11	
D. G. Doak, S. S.	Oxford, "	College Hill, S. S.	5	4	109	1	6	58	46	83			5	12	1543	66	
H. H. Paine, P.	Holly Springs, "	Holly Springs, P.	3	1	112	2	4	75	37				29	10	1375	102	
E. C. Davidson, S. S.	Water Valley, "	Water Valley, S. S.	1	8	75				12				15		450	8	
H. Mc. Morrison, S. S.	Spring Port, "	Spring Port, S. S.	2	13	59		6	25							300		
E. M. Richardson, S. S.	Grenada, "	Grenada, S. S.	2	4	78	1	9	50	24	15		11		10	600	90	
G. P. Richardson, Teach.	Grenada, "	Panola, S. S.	1	4					8	7				4	200		
J. A. Sloan, S. S.	Collierville, Tenn.	Hudsonville, S. S.			34				8								
James Naylor, S. S.—13.	Tyro, Miss.	Mt. Paran, S. S.	2	1	35	1	1		8						186		
		Luxahoma, S. S.	1	1	8				6						175		
		Chulahoma, S. S.	2	2	27									3	100		
		Corinth, S. S.	10		23										180		
		Hope, S. S.	7	3	23	5		12		5					75	20	

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		Hernando, S. S.	6	7	28					10				5	300	25
		Spring Creek, V.														
		Long Creek, S. S.	1	2	18		2									
		Shiloh, V.														
		Sardis, S. S.	4	3	40	2	3	50						4	175	30
Candidates—3.		Charleston, S. S. —23	18	12	43	5	2	7	13					4	600	34
			95	75	1024	28	51	322	$229	$140	$20	$14	$49	$62	$7489	$469
4. *Presb'y of Tuscumbia.*																
W. H. Mitchell, D. D.	Florence, Ala.	Florence,														
Alexander Penland.	Huntsville, "	Whitesburg,														
		Ebenezer,														
J. L. Harris,	Somerville, "	Somerville,														
B. N. Sawtelle,	Tuscumbia, "	Tuscumbia,														
W. G. Williams,	LaGrange, "															
Thomas Morrow. —6	Somerville, "	Fairview,														
	Courtland, "	Courtland,														
		Union Springs.														
	Moulton, "	Moulton,														
		Palmyra.														
	Decatur, "	Decatur,														
	Guntersville, "	Guntersville,														
	Savanna, Tenn.	Savanna. —13														
5. *Presb'y of W. District.*																
J. H. Gillespie, W. C.	Denmark, Tenn.	Denmark, V.			142					100	100			15		
E. S. Campbell, S. S.	Humboldt, "	Jackson, P. E.			105				100			100	350		1850	
R. C. Garrison, S. S.	Woodville, "	Trenton, V.	5	13	85	1	2		150			50		8	1050	250
W. J. Anderson, S. S.	Trenton, "	New Shiloh, S. S.	2	4	77		3	50	39				7	5	182	11
Robert McCoy, W. C.	Humboldt, "	Concord, S. S.			115									5		
James H. McNeily, *in tru.*	Trenton, "	Eaton, S. S.			26				10					2		
B. D. Thomas, W. C.	Brownsville, "	Dyersburg, V.			20										200	
E. McNair, P. E.	Jackson, "	Yorkville, V.														
Wm. Cameron, Prof. —9	Jackson, "	Eureka, S. S.	7		42	1	1	25	20					3		
Licentiate—1.		Ripley, S. S.	2		24	2		100	11			10		2	100	
R. L. Neely,	Denmark, "	Nut Bush, V.			31			25								

		New Providence, V.	16	1	84	13	5		50						3	483	
		Marl Bluff, V.			37				15						3		
		Salem, V.			20												
		Union, V.	5		54	2	3		21						10		
		Brownsville, V.	1	2	83						33	100	28		12	515	70
		Paris, V.															
		Huntingdon, V.			17												
		Zion, S. S.	4		40						14				5	56	
		Hebron, V.			12												
		Smyrna, S. S.			19												
		Humboldt, V.	2	13	52		1	150	50			50	42		5	300	42
		Bethel, V. —23			20			60								400	16
Candidate—1.																	
			44	33	1105	19	15	410	$526	$100	$147	$310	$427	$78	$5166	$389	
SYNOD OF MISSISSIPPI																	
1. *Presb'y of C. Mississippi*																	
R. B. Campbell, S. S.	Canton, Miss.	Concord, S. S.			20												
	Richland, "	Franklin, S. S.			50												
D. C. Henderson, S. S.	Delhi, La.	Union, S. S.			15												
	Delhi, "	Delhi, V.			12												
Wm. Riddle,	Scotland,																
D. A. Campbell, S. S.	Brandon, Miss.	Brandon, S. S.	4	8	35	3	8	100	25							203	
	Polkville, "	Bethel, S. S.	5	2	35	1	16									76	
	Fannin, "	Fannin, S. S.	4	9	13												
Consider Parish, Teacher,	Clinton, "	Clinton, S. S.			12												
R. McInnis, Agent,	Enterprise, "																
R. E. Sherrill, S. S.	Ofahoma, Miss.	Forest Grove, S. S.	5		43	1	1	18	8	5						120	15
	Camden, "	Upper Greenwood, S. S.		3	40			18	17	16		38	8			225	15
	Carthage, "	Carthage, S. S.	6		14			15				25					
C. M. Atkinson, S. S.	Canton, "	Madison, S. S.	2	2	44		1		11	13		7				702	10
	Madison Sta'n,"	Mount Hermon, S. S.			7											78	
John McCampbell, S. S.	Lexington, "	Lexington, S. S.	6	5	66	4	2	30				10				450	
	Lexington, "	Carmel, S. S.			6												
J. S. Montgomery, P.	Yazoo City, "	Yazoo City, P.	11	11	62	1	5	60				65				1168	
Joseph Bardwell, P.	Vicksburg, "	Vicksburg, P.	5	9	180	3	9	130	100			145				1782	150
J. H. Alexander, P.	Kosciusko, "	Kosciusko, P.	6		58	3	3	100	59			70				450	85
	Kosciusko, "	Nazareth, S. S.			7							27				20	
S. S. Brown, Teacher,	Winona, "	Middleton, V.			12												
John Hunter, P.	Jackson, "	Jackson, P.	6	6	132	1	3	100	40			235			20	1550	
I. J. Daniel, S. S.	Raymond, "	Raymond, S. S.	7	4	36	1										320	

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	Raymond, "	Lebanon, S. S.														
Wm. T. Hall, P.	Canton, "	Canton, P.	13	10	80	2	7	35	65	35	40	50	60	55	1600	25
C. H. Dobbs, Teacher.	Kosciusko, "	Hopewell, S. S.	11	1	52	4	2		18	12		8	10	20	400	
Stevenson Archer, P. E.	Greenville, "	Greenville, P. E.														
A. H. Mecklin, S. S.	Vaiden, "	Poplar Creek, S. S.	13	2	67	5		35				21			350	
	Vaiden, "	Olney, S. S.	7	2	36	4	3	30							200	
J. A. McConnell, Teacher.	Goodman, "	Shongalo, S. S.			56											
—20.	Camden, "	Camden, V.			27		1	33				6	6		49	8
	Lake Providence, La.	Providence, S. S.			10											
	Monticello, "	Monticello, V.			5											
	Illawara, "	Pecan Grove, V.			13											
	Richmond, "	Richmond, V.			11											
	Greenwood, Miss.	Greenwood, V.														
	Good Hope, "	Good Hope, V.			6											
	Auburn, "	Bethesda, V.														
	Warrenton, "	Redbone, V.														
	Edward's Depot, "	Osborne, V.														
		Salem, V.														
	Brandon, "	Hebron, S. S.	4		8	4										
	Forest, "	Forest, V.	7	2	9	3	1		9							
		Monmouth, V.	21		18	2	2									
	Carrollton, "	Carrollton, S. S.														
Licentiate—1.	Carrollton,	Teoc, S. S.	1	3	21		12	30							500	
G. L. Wolfe,		Bolton, V.														
Candidates—2.	—46		125	79	1318	42	76	734	$352	$81	$40	$707	$84	$95	$10243	$308
2. *Presby of Louisiana.*																
J. A. Smylie, D. M.	Livonia, La.															
J. E. C. Doremus, D. D.	New Orleans, La.	Baton Rouge, S. S.			128											
C. S. Dod, S. S.	Plaquemine, "	Plaquemine, S. S.			33											
J. M. Geary, P.	Plains Store, "	Plains, P.			83											
G. C. Hyde, W. C.	Baton Rouge, "															
A. G. Payne, S. S.	Clinton, "	Clinton, S. S.			54											
	Clinton, "	Comite, S. S.			46											
W. F. Gillespie, P.	Liberty, Miss.	Unity, P.			40											
	Liberty, "	Oak Grove, S. S.			15											

A. Z. Young, S. S.	Woodville, Miss.	Bethany, S. S.			120											
	Woodville, "	Woodville, S. S.			55											
	Rosedale, La.	Grosse Tete, V.			71											
	Williamsport, "	Williamsport, V.			8											
	Liberty, Miss.	Liberty, V.			56											
Jas. Stratton, P.	Jackson, La.	Jackson, P.			64											
	Atchafalaya, La.	Atchafalaya, V.			8											
W. W. C. Kelly, W. C. —10	Osyka, Miss.	—14														
					781											
3. Presb'y of Mississippi.																
Jos. B. Stratton, D. D., P.	Natchez, Miss.	Natchez 1st Church, P.	26	7	249	3	40	275	153	200	20	100	100	20	5340	449
S. R. Bertron, W. C.	Port Gibson, "	Natchez 2d Church, V.														
A. McCallum, S. S.	Union Church, "	Providence, S. S.			10									25	175	
B. Chase, D. D., (*infirm.*)	Natchez, "	Red Lick, V.														
James Purviance, D.D., "	Natchez, "	Brookhaven, S. S.	8	4		2		50						5	350	
R. Price, P.	Port Gibson, "	Port Gibson, P.	5	5	126		3	170	61	50				15	1960	
T. A. Ogden, (*infirm.*)	Elizabeth, N. J.	Trinity, V.														
Thomas H. Cleland, P.F.C.	Fayette, Miss.															
Joseph Weeks, W. C.	Natchez, "	Greenwood, V.														
H. McDonald, S. S.	Raymond, "	Monticello,			12											
George Hall, S. S.	Fayette, "	Fayette, S. S.	3	2	54		1			15	15			10	800	
G. S. Roudebush, S. S.	Natchez, "	Carmel, S. S.														
M. W. Trawick, S. S.	Hazelhurst, "	Hazelhurst, S. S.	14	12	58	8	9	50						5	300	
A. R. Graves, W. C.	Rodney, "	Bethel, V.														
J. E. Wheeler, P.	Vicksburg, "	Rodney, P.														
P. Calhoun, W. C.	Rodney, "	Pine Ridge.			42		5			20					100	
S. M. Montgomery, S. S.	Union Church, "	Union, S. S.	21	1	183	3	1								450	
Joseph G. Gibert, S. S. —19	Mount Carmel, "	Bensalem,														
Candidates—2.		Oakland College, V.—20	13	16	32	2	1	48			30					
			90	47	766	18	60	593	$214	$285	$65	$100	$100	$80	$9475	$449
4. Presb'y of New Orleans																
B. M. Palmer, D. D., P.	New Orleans, La.	First Church, P.	54	38	510	11	53	300	814	225	1264	410	800	50	10000	3909
H. M. Smith, D. D., P.	New Orleans, "	Third Church, P.	7		92	2	8	100	35	40		10	20	45	10272	58
G. L. More, P.	New Orleans, "	Fourth Church, P.	19	7	101	4	33	225		20		128		45	5049	
R. Q. Mallard, P.	New Orleans, "	Prytania St., P.	26	16	180	2	11	228	350	116	1372	372	221		8166	124
	New Orleans, "	Thalia St., V.			68		4	150		50	20		20	20	2276	
T. R. Markham, P.	New Orleans, "	Lafayette, P.	39	33	192	9	36	225	60	50	50	102	50	53	18558	100
B. Wayne, S. S.	New Orleans, "	Jefferson City, S. S.	8	4	50	1	4	85	26	25		80			590	

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Marc Roux, D. M.	New Orleans, La.															
N. P. Chamberlain.(*infirm*)	Thibodeaux, "	Thibodeaux, S. S.	11	3	61	2	2	35						5	1200	
W. McConnell, (*in trans.*)	Houma, "	Houma, V.			20											
J. C. Graham, S. S.	Amite City, "	Helena, S. S.	3	1	25	3	7	60	24	12					200	150
A. J. Johnson, W. C.	Summit, Miss.	Pisgah, S. S.		2	18		6	60							200	
	Osyka, "	Osyka, S. S.			8										50	
E. B. Cleghorn, W. C.	Covington, La.	Berean, V.			9											
V. C. Ostrom, W. C.—13.	Madisonville, "	Madisonville, V.			9											
	Centreville, "	Centreville, V.			9											
	New River, "	New River, V.			20											
	Carrollton, "	Carrollton, V.—17.			12										150	
			167	104	1385	34	164	1468	$1309	$538	$2706	$1102	$1111	$218	$56711	$4341
5. Presb'y of Red River.																
J. F. Ford, T., D. M.	Shreveport, La.	Shreveport, V.		4	46			75								
J. T. Davidson, S. S.	Homer, "	Homer, S. S.	2	3	9		2									
		Midway, S. S.	4		17											
		State Line, S. S.	4		11		8									
Edward Eells, S. S.	Keachi. "	Keachi. S. S.			15			20		5	30		5			
J. M. Hall, W. C.(*in trans.*)																
C. Harrington, S. S.	Shreveport, "	Mt. Zion, S. S.		1	17		3				11		11	19	225	
J. E. Bright, D. D., P. E.	Minden, "	Minden, P. E.	5	2	30	5	12	19	38							
		Salem,			3									20	300	
	Vienna, "	Vienna, S. S.			11											
	Vernon, "	Pine Hill, S. S.			12											
C. R. Smith, S. S.	Douglas "	Alabama, S. S.			62		4									
A. R. Banks, S. S.—8.	Rocky Mt., "	Rocky Mt.	5		80	1	4	35	50	40				30	900	140
		Ebenezer,			15				5	5	5	5	5			
	Mansfield, "	Mansfield, V.			1											
	Monroe, "	Monroe, V.—15.														
			20	10	335	6	33	149	$93	$50	$16	$5	$21	$60	$1425	$140
6. Presb'y of Tombeckbee.																
M. Peden, W. C., (*infirm.*)	Crawfordville, Miss.															
James A. Lyon, D. D., P.	Columbus, "	Columbus, P.	10	7	180			120	160	96	200	156			2000	1200
J. N. Carothers, P.	Houston, "	Friendship, P.	2	1	176	1	13	40								

	Houston,	Miss.	Houston, S. S.		6	2	47	4	7	60						5	400	
	Buena Vista,	"	Fairview, P.		1		43	1		50						4	200	
A. H. Barkley, P.	Crawfordville,	"	Bethel, P.		1		86		2		60					4	200	
	Crawfordville,	"	Crawfordville, P.				92									10		
A. P. Smith, P.	Aberdeen,	"	Aberdeen, P.		4	6	75			80							1500	
R. W. Mecklin, P. E.	New Prospect,	"	Bethsalem, P. E.		34		147	7	10									
	New Prospect,	"	Lebanon, P. E.				67		3									
R. S. Gladney, Prof.	Aberdeen,	"	Hamilton, V.		1		11		1								33	11
S. R. Frierson, S. S.	Starkville,	"	Starkville, S. S.		5	1	100	1	1	41							90	
O. H. P. Smyth, S. S.	Louisville,	"	Louisville, S. S.															
			Pleasant Spring, S. S.				28											
			Carolina, S. S.															
J. W. Kerr, S. S.	Okolona,	"	Okolona, S. S.		2	3	29			25						4	150	
	Mayhew Station,	"	Mayhew, S. S.				20				10	10				2	130	
Edwin Cater, S. S.	Macon,	"	Macon, S. S.		1	4	14		1								146	
	Macon,	"	Centre Point, S. S.			2	20		3		4					8	100	
	Cooksville,	"	Cooksville, S. S.			3	17		8									
W. C. Emerson,	Brazil, South America,		Bethany, V.		1	1	16		3		7					3		
J. H. Thomson, W. C., (*infm*,)	Marion.	Miss.	Marion, V.				27											
H. C. Smith, D. M.	Paulding,	"	Paulding, V.				20											
A. L. Kline, P. E.	Meridian,	"	Pisgah, V.				42											
S. J. Love, S. S.	Enterprise.	"	Good Hope, V.				34											
—16			Anderson, V.				31											
	Scooba,	"	Wahalak, S. S.		2	9	66		2		15		15			6	90	80
	Shuqualak,	"	Shuqualak, V.			5	12											
	Newton Station,	"	Mount Moriah, S. S.		5	3	70	2	6		12			10		8	450	16
	Toomsuba,	"	Toomsuba, V.			2	18		1					15			10	
			Unity, V.															
			Beersheba, V.															
			Smyrna, V.															
			Scooba, S. S.		9	7	30	2	5				20	35			300	
	Meridian,	"	Meridian, P. E.															
	Enterprise,	"	Enterprise, S. S.															
			Montrose, V.				50											
			Pendleton, V.															
			Salem, V.															
			New Hope, V.															
			Philadelphus, V.															
			DeKalb, S. S.															
			Enon, V.	—41	84	56	1568	18	66	416	$268	$106	$235	$216		$54	$5799	$1307

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SYNOD OF NASHVILLE.																
1. *Presb'y of Holston.*																
J. R. King, S. S.	Bristol, Tenn.	Cold Spring.	7	3	84	1	1	65			25	34			200	30
		Pleasant Grove,	26	3	71	10	3	55			10				150	22
J. D. Tudlock,	Bristol, "	Prin. Bristol High Sch.														
		Rheatown,		6	21					3	13	35	8	3	60	100
S. B. Campbell, S. S.	Leesburg, "	Leesburg,	1	3	85		6	40		15	9			14	300	
		Providence,	3		27	2	1			6	8	30	6	5	105	
G. A. Caldwell, S. S.	Bristol, "	Bristol,	30	6	189	6	9	123		39	63	14	13	18	786	350
J. W. Baehman, S. S.	Rogersville, "	Rogersville,	15	3	115	5	6	75		12	11	8	7	9	300	123
		New Providence,	1		124	4	6	60		10	5	8	9	16	500	58
J. P. Briscoe, S. S.	Blountville, "	Blountville,	18	5	187	4	6	65			25			15	425	29
		New Bethel,	14		142	8	5	220			9			12	150	12
Wm. A. Taylor, S. S.	Jonesville, Va.	Mt. Carmel,	11	2	25	1	4	70							50	20
	Newport, Tenn.	Pisgah,	31	4	47	17	10	50								60
Samuel Hodge,	Hopkinton, Iowa,	Morristown.	10	3	35	1		19								48
	Tazewell, Tenn.	Tazewell,														
Wm. B. Carter—9.	Elizabethton, "	Jonesboro,														
	Greenville, "	Meadow Creek,														
	" "	Richland Creek,														
	" "	Timber Ridge—18.														
			167	38	1152	59	57	842		$85	$178	$129	$43	$92	$3026	$852
2. *Presb'y of Knoxville.*																
Thos. R. Bradshaw, (*in tran*)		Madisonville, S. S.	22	18	96	1	1	40						5	230	
Thomas H. McCallie, P.	Chattanooga, Tenn.	Chattanooga, P.	20	14	94	6	7	125		14	37		22	10	1550	40
W. W. Morrison, S. S.	Sweet Water, "	Sweet Water, S. S.	50	13	101	34	13				24			10	366	
James Park, S. S. —4	Knoxville, "	Knoxville, S. S.	26	8	82		7	120		54	67	31		12	1576	230
		Monmouth, V.														
		Cleveland, V.														
		Lebanon, S. S.			20									3	5	
		Cedar Spring, S. S.			30									4	65	
		Pleasant Forest, S. S.			20									3	190	
		Soddy,														
		New Bethel.			44											
		Mars Hill,														

		Rockford.														
		Tellico. —14														
			118	53	487	41	28	285		$68	$128	$34	$22	$47	$3892	$270
3. *Presb'y of Nashville.*																
R. A. Lapsley, D. D., W. C.	New Albany, Ind.															
J. R. Bain, W. C.	Gallatin, Tenn.															
A.N.Cunningham,D.D,WC	Franklin, "	Professor.														
J. W. Hoyte, M. D., W. C.	Nashville, "	Professor.														
T. D.Wardlaw, M. D., P.	Shelbyville, "															
	Shelbyville, "	Shelbyville, V.	22	4	126	13	6	110	58						1200	
W. L. Rosser, P.	Franklin, "	Franklin, P.	6	13	108	1	3	70	15	15	10	30	175	7	872	23
H. B. Boude, P.	Gallatin, "	Gallatin, P.	26	14	147	15	8	65	46		27			5	757	
	Gallatin, "	Shiloh, V.	7		74	2	4	20	19					5	474	
R. F. Bunting, D. D., P.	Nashville, "	First Church, P.	122	65	475	47	34	733	146	50	576	1384	6000	17	4500	4554
E. C. Trimble, W. C.	Nashville, "	Professor.														
	Nashville, "	Edgefield, S. S.	4		85	1	3	120	16					5	1831	
	Clarksville, "	Clarksville, P.	7	7	137		9	70	140		110	185	800	6	1986	
R. R. Moore, (*in transitu.*)	Harrodsburg, Ky.															
John W. Neil, P.	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	Murfreesboro, P.	12	7	167	3	7	100	22	28	100	167	62	15	5243	160
	Nashville, "	Harpeth, V.	1		33		2	6							150	
M. McFeatters, D. M., S. S.	New Middleton, "															
" " "	Cherry Valley, "	Mount Vernon, S. S.	25	1	110	11	4								125	
" " "	Murfreesboro, "	Cripple Creek, S. S.			26			9						5	69	7
" " "	Milton, "	Hopewell, S. S.			50			35	16	1				5	125	7
" " "	Readyville, "	Stone's River, S. S.			49			35	10					5	87	
E. T. Brantley, S. S. —13	Lebanon, "	Teacher.														
	Smyrna Depot. "	Smyrna, S. S.	6	2	37	2	21	43	20					6	3351	
Candidates—1.	Green Hill, "	Hermitage, S. S.	7	4	20	1	7					44	55	8	225	390
	Charlotte, "	New Bethel, V.	3		18	3								4	17	
	Shop Spring, "	Spring Creek, S. S.—17.	6		55	3		60	10					5	125	11
			254	117	1717	102	108	1467	$527	$94	$823	$1810	$7092	$98	$21137	$5152
4. *Presb'y of N. Alabama.*																
F. A. Ross, D. D.	Huntsville, Ala.	Bethberei,			125			40						3	350	
W. E. Caldwell,	Elkton, Tenn.	Cornerville,													400	
W. H. Vernor,	Lewisburg, "	Huntsville,			184		2				70			5	1500	108
J. B. Chapman,	Spring Hill, "	Elk Ridge,	7	1	69	4				8	14		6	3	265	
J. O. Sullivan.	Trenton, "	Bethany,	9	19	133	8	1			20	30	20				
F. L. Ewing,	Pulaski, "	Lewisburg,	8	1	57	1	3	80		16	14	5	10	3	265	12
O. B. Caldwell,	Cornerville, "	Swan Creek.														

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Alexander Smith,	Fayetteville, Tenn.	New Hope,	2	3	40	-	6				26		75	1		
Robert Caldwell,	Pulaski, "	Richland,														
G. B. McCombs,		Union,	20	3	150	4	3			18	6		6	3	265	
J. Simpson Frierson,	Lynnville, "	Petersburg,			30									1		
J. Stephenson Frierson,	Mt. Pleasant, "	Unity,	4		43	7										92
C. Foster Williams,	Columbia, "	Zion,			282	39				58			10		800	5
W. J. Frierson,	" "	Columbia,	10	10	117			225						3		
S. W. Mitchell,	" "	Pulaski,												5		
F. A. Thompson,	Spring Hill, "	Mount Pleasant,			38											
Henry R. Smith,	Huntsville, Ala.	Spring Hill,	41	13	85	29	10							3		
John H. Bryson,	Columbia, Tenn.	Cathey's Creek,														
John N. Blackburn,	Athens, Ala.	Laurel Hill,														
Andrew McElroy—20.		Bethesda,														
		Fountain Hill,														
Licentiate—1.		Campbellsville,														
William Stoddert.		Harmony,														
Candidate—1.		Hopewell,	7	1	28	3				14	22		6		300	30
		Bethsalem,			75											
		Williamsport. —26												21 2		
			198	54	1456	95	25	345		$134	$182	$25	$113	$38	$4145	$247
SYNOD OF N. CAROLINA.																
1. *Presb'y of Concord.*																
R. H. Morrison, D. D., S. S.	Cottage Home, N. C.	Unity, (Lincoln,) S. S.	2		46		2		37	8		5	4	10		
		Castanea Grove, S. S.	19		57		4									
Jesse Rankin, S. S.	Lenoir, "	Lenoir, S. S.	1	3	41		1	35	10	10		50	10	5	283	11
D. A. Penick, Sr., P.	Pioneer Mills, "	Rocky River, P.	47	5	332	2	16		66	68			33	60	856	
Daniel Lindley, F. M.	Port Natal, So. Africa,	Hopewell, V.	1		160		8					9			529	
Robert Burwell, Teacher,	Charlotte, N. C.	Shelby, V.			9											
J. E. Morrison, W. C.	Morven, "	Lebanon, V.			59											
		Wadesboro, V.														
James D. Hall, P.	Woodlawn, "	Goshen, P.														
John Douglas, P.	Whitehall, "	Steel Creek, P.	52	3	317	1	35			29	56	26	16		550	19
		Pleasant Hill, P.			116											
Nathan Shotwell, P.	Rutherfordton, "	Rutherfordton, P.	3		29		3									
		Little Britain, P.			103		9								250	

W. N. Morrison, W. C.	Asheville, N. C.		Flat Creek, V.			25													
G. W. McPhail, D. D., Pres.	Davidson College, N.C.		College, P.			36													
E. F. Rockwell, Prof.	Davidson College,	"	Bethel, S. S.	2	3	45		5	12	3						3			
R. H. Chapman, D.D., D.M.	Hendersonville,	"	Hendersonville, S. S.	5		27	1	4	30	22						10	258		
			Mills River, S. S.	4	3	39	1	25		8		4				7	13		
			Davidson's River, S. S.	14		42	4	6		22						5	225		
Wm. Graves, D. M.	Mills River,	"	Bethel, (Haywood,) S. S.																
Walter W. Pharr, P.	Statesville,	"	Fourth Creek, P.	4	8	179		19	115	39	31	6	3	12	20	800	85		
J. M. M. Caldwell, Pres.	Statesville,	"	Tabor, V.			31		1		7		7							
T. N. Paxton, S. S.	Marion,	"	Marion, S. S.	1	1	30		2		10	19			14		150			
			Siloam, S. S.	3	2	50		5		9	5			3	4	125			
			Drusilla, S. S.			9													
J. F. W. Freeman, W. C.	Charlotte,	"	Rheim's Creek, V.			35													
T. E. Davis, S. S.	Davidson College,	"	Ramah, S. S.	7		130		6		13									
S. C. Millen, D. D., S. S.	Taylorsville,	"	Taylorsville, S. S.	1		53		2	40	6		10				5	250		
			Wilkesboro, S. S.		2	21	2	1		11							21		
R. N. Davis, P.	Lincolnton,	"	Long Creek, P.	6	2	160		11	54	5			5	14		6			
			Lincolnton, P.																
S. C. Pharr, D. D., P.	Charlotte,	"	Caldwell, P.	18	2	224		18	87	6		7				7	257		
			Mallard Creek, S. S.	17	5	224		9	40	10	8	8				10	311		
Jacob Hood, D. M.	Franklin,	"	Franklin, (Macon,) S. S.	3	2	23	1	1		3	4	4				2	25		
			Ebenezer, S. S.			34		3		2	4	4				2	25		
			Hiwassee, S. S.			30													
			Beulah, S. S.			8													
A. W. Miller, D. D., P.	Charlotte,	"	Charlotte, P.	5	24	233	2	7	270		127	518	71	138	50	2500			
B. L. Beall, Evangelist.	Charlotte,	"	Salem, V.			32		2		2									
W. C. Sheetz, P.	Morganton,	"	Morganton, P.	6	4	80	1	6	40	29			17	7	10	475			
J. S. Barr, S. S.	Lincolnton,	"	Dallas, S. S.			10									3	20			
			Olney, S. S.	4	3	120	2	3		12	6					200			
			Machpelah, S. S.			10				6						30			
G. E. Eagleton, (*in trans.*)	Fancy Hill,	"	Concord, V.	8	2	235	4	27	75	15	3		7	2	10	550			
			Shiloh, V.	2		46		2	40	4			5		3	150	5		
G. D. Parks, S. S.	Charlotte,	"	Sugar Creek, S. S.	4	9	170	3	7	115	31	24	22	7	6	5				
Alex. Sinclair, W. C.	Charlotte,	"	Sandy Plains, V.			8													
J. Rumple, P.	Salisbury,	"	Salisbury, P.	7	4	109	1	4	250	72	63		30	46	20	1635	290		
			Franklin, (Rowan,) V.	1	4	43													
D. A. Penick, jr., P.	Concord,	"	Poplar Tent, P.	9	5	163	3	1	80	59	14		12	25		800			
Wm. W. Pharr, P.	Coddle Creek,	"	Bethpage, P.	7	1	130	1	15	50	17	8		9	10	40	276			
			Centre, P.	3	5	150		5	60	27	9		10	7			75		
W. A. Wood, S. S.	Salisbury,	"	Third Creek, S. S.	5	1	200	3	15	40	12	30				40	416			

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		Unity, (Rowan,) S. S.	4		90	3	10	40	10	8	7			10	200	
J. D. Wilson, S. S.	Enola, N. C.	Newton, S. S.		3	29						4				200	
		Fifth Creek, S. S.	8		73	1	12	45	20			3	2		350	15
E. H. Harding, P.	Concord, "	Concord, (Town,) P.	7		125		11	48	19		20				1000	150
W. B. Watts, P.	Mt. Ulla, "	Back Creek, P.	1	3	152		9	78	12			7	4	12	400	750
		Prospect, P.	19	10	374	2	28	160	17			9	9	15	400	47
R. Z. Johnston, P.	Providence, "	Providence, P.	4		163		13	40	14	17	9	3	10	12	361	11
		Sharon, P.	4	3	211		9	150	23	9	4	3	5	12	263	15
Wm. M. Kilpatrick, (*in tra.*)	St. Mary's, Ga.	Joppa, V.		1	30		2		32		8	25	15	4		
		Jefferson, V.			5											
R. B. Anderson, S. S.	Yorkville, S. C.	Thyatira, V.	1	1	204		9									
Wm. McDonald, P.	Charlotte, N. C.	Bethlehem, P.			67		5		2	2				5	60	
		Philadelphia, P.	45	4	316	5	14	100	8	7			2		356	
H. H. Banks, P.—42.	Asheville, "	Asheville, P.	12	11	84	3	4	50	62	28		13	10	10	375	
Licentiates—3.		Swannanoa, S. S.			47				5	4		2			70	
R. H. Caldwell, S. S.	Enola, "	Bethesda, S. S.			103											
		Bethany, S. S.	1	1	79		2		12		16				291	
J. J. Kennedy, S. S.	Dallas, "	New Hope, S. S.		3	132				5	4	4	14		7		
J. C. Kennedy,	Statesville, "	Duncan's Creek, V.—72			34											
Candidates—3.			375	143	6810	49	418	2144	$816	$549	$718	$335	$404	$424	$16306	$1473
2. *Presb'y of Fayetteville.*																
Simeon Colton, D. D.	Asheboro, N. C.															
Hector McLean, P.	Shoe Heel, N. C.	Antioch and Philadelphus, P.	5		183	1	10	95	6	5	3	5	7	10	97	76
Hector McNeill, P.	" "	Bethel and Lumber Bridge, P.	7		142	3	5		18	14		3		10	220	1
J. P. McPherson, S. S.	Laurinburgh, N. C.	Montpelier, Lebanon, and McPherson's, S. S.	35	10	80			150								
H. A. Monroe, S. S.	Brown Marsh, "	White Plains, S. S.														
Neill McKay, P.	Summerville, "	Buffalo, P.	8	2	253	20	4	60		9		43		12	554	
Colin Shaw, S. S.	Black Riv. Chap. "	Moore's Cr'k, Keith, Hopewell, and Mt. Williams, S. S.	26	15	176	11	9	57	8	2		7	7	19	621	1
D. B. Black, P.	Burgaw, "	Rockfish, P., Pike, P. E.	1	1	77		5		23	2		2	2	12	375	40

Daniel Johnson,	Shoe Heel, N. C.																
A. McMillan, S. S.	Rockingham, N. C.	Mark's Creek, S. S.															
Hector McAlister,	Averasboro, "																
J. M. Sprunt, P.	Kenansville, "	Grove and Union, (Duplin,) P.			218												
S. C. Alexander, P.	BlackRiverChapel,NC	Black River Chapel, South River Chapel, P.	28	2	197	11	20	45	15	15	3	15	15	20	300		
J. M. Sherwood, P.	Fayetteville, "	Fayetteville, P.	7	4	199	3	10	60	58	58	58	58	58	25	1200	335	
D. D. McBryde, P.	Mill Grove, "	Bluff, P., Sardis, and Barbecue, S. S.	51	1	275			110	36	37		28	20	17	455		
M. McQueen, P.	Carthage, "	Carthage and Union, (Moore,) P.	29	7	439	27	12	250	17	19	11	35	10	18	800	14	
James McQueen, S. S.	Jonesboro, "	Bethlehem and St. Andrew's, S. S.			40				6	6	4	6	6	3	100		
N. T. Bowden,	Powelton, "																
A. McQueen, P. E.	Shoe Heel, "	Ashpole and Smyrna, P. E.															
J. H. Coble, P.	Shoe Heel, "	Centre, P.	46		413	11	11	20						18	1000		
David Fairley, P.	Manchester, "	China Grove and Cypress, P., and Longstreet, S. S.	11		383	8	5		49	45	44	41	45	5	250		
Malcom McNair, P.	Shoe Heel, "	Bethel and Lumberbridge, Co-P., Mt. Tabor, P.															
James H. Colton, S. S.	Bostick's Mills, "	Sharon, Harmony, Mt. Carmel, Pee Dee, and Macedonia, S. S.	61	2	382	25	36	70	4	11	11	7	1	23	625	15	
S. H. Isler, P.	Kinston, "	Beaver Creek, P.			26	1	4										
B. F. Marable, P.	Warsaw, "	Oak Plane, P., Spring Vale and Clinton, S. S.	24	2	131	8	6	40	4	4	6	8		12	400	25	
A. N. Ferguson, P.	Carthage, "	Ben Salem, P., and Euphronia, S. S.	34		256	4	9		19	23	8	20	11	13	350		
James Kelly, P.	Brown Marsh, "	Brown Marsh and Mt. Horeb, P.	22		176	6	13	55	13	3	2	10	2	16	900	4	
H. L. Singleton, P.	Wilmington, "	1st Ch., Wilmington, P.	50														
Luther McKinnon, S. S.	Goldsboro, "	Goldsboro, S. S.			22			35						4	300	37	
—29		Big Rockfish, V.	5		127	1	7	50	10	52			12	19	339		

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Licentiates—4.		St. Paul's, V.	17		135	6	2	25	15	16		26	8	8	294	5
N. W. Herring,	Kenansville, N. C.	Mt. Zion, V.	13	1	45		1		1	1	1	1	1		150	
Kenneth McIntyre, S. S.	Bostick's Mills, N. C.	Sandy Grove, Bethesda, and Mineral Spring, S. S.	85	3	373	19	7	120	8	10	11	2	6	17	572	15
J. A. Woodburn,		Tirza, V.	6		112	4	2		5	3		5	3	15	400	
John B. McKinnon,	Columbia, S. C.	Beth-Car, V.														
		Lumberton, V.														
		Elizabethtown, V.														
		Whitesville, V.														
		Laurel Hill, V.														
		Laurinburgh, V.														
		Mizpeh, V.														
		2d Ch., Wilmington, V.														
		Mt. Pisgah, V.														
Candidates—8.		Galatia, V. —67														
			571	50	4860	169	178	1242	$315	$334	$162	$325	$214	$296	$10302	$571
3. *Presbytery of Orange.*																
Thomas Lynch, S. S.	Mebaneville, N. C.	New Hope, S. S.	17		97	11	10	20						5	100	
Geo. W. Ferrill, S. S.	Tally Ho, "	Geneva and Horeb, S. S.			37									13		
Edward Hines, P.	Sassafras Fork, "	Shiloh, P.	2		61	1	8							31	500	25
		Oak Hill, S. S.	1	1	20		1								200	
Jacob Doll, P.	Yanceyville, "	Yanceyville, P.	5		41	2		20	3	2	2	2	2	11	500	
		Bethesda, P.	4		74		1							20	500	
A. G. Hughes, P.	Mebaneville, "	Hawfields, P.	2		220		5	30						21	375	25
		Cross Roads, P.	21	1	138	17	12	40						15	275	
A. Currie, P.	Graham, "	Graham, P.	2	4	64		4				34				457	218
S. A. Stanfield, P.	Milton, "	Milton, P.	4	2	79	1	2	24			60	5	17	26	500	
		Red House, S. S.												12	75	
		Grier's, S. S.			17									9	60	
Thos. U. Faucette, S. S.	Caldwell, "	Eno and Little River, S S			190		3	40						15		
Joseph M. Atkinson, P.	Raleigh, "	Raleigh, P.	4	3	112	1	3	75	89	8		2	73	16	1629	
P. H. Dalton, P.	Washington, "	Washington, P.	4	2	47											
J. Henry Smith, P.	Greensboro, "	Greensboro, P.	41	8	290	7	18	243		132	190		60	27	2100	67
F. H. Johnston, P.	Lexington, "	Lexington, P.	3	3	105	2	1	95	98		7		11		420	108

			Winston, S. S.			12	1	1		5	1	1	1	4		84	
			High Point, S. S.		1	34			43	15	9		5	6	3	55	
D. E. Jordan, P.	Madison, N. C.		Madison, P.	2		102				12	19	60		16	23	395	
			Wentworth, S. S.														
			Leakesville, S. S.														
A. D. Hepburn, W. C.			Pittsboro & Haywood, V.			28			25						5	25	
Drury Lacy, D. D., W. C.	Raleigh, N. C.		Asheboro & Roxboro, V.														
James C. Alexander, P.	Greensboro,	N. C.	Buffalo, P.	12	4	116	1	6			7		6	7		490	
			Bethel, P.	36	2	140	13	8			3			4		441	
C. N. Morrow, S. S.	Oaks,	"	Bethlehem, S. S.			60			50			10	225		8	508	10
H. G. Hill, S. S.	Oxford,	"	Oxford, S. S.	3		45		6				9		10	13	138	
			Grassy Creek, S. S.			38											
Charles Phillips, S. S.	Chapel Hill,	"	Chapel Hill, S. S.			40				31	33	48	43	39		100	25
C. H. Wiley, W. C.	Greensboro,	"	Speedwell and Stony Creek, V.														
W. B. Tidball, S. S.	Greensboro,	"	Alamance, S. S.	25	1	189	10	6							16	600	
L. C. Vass, P.	Newbern,	"	Newbern, P.	28	11	82		6	80			125		30	47	3565	111
			Murfreesboro and Snow Creek, V.														
H. B. Pratt.	Hillsboro,	"	Hillsboro, S. S.			62											
—23			Fairfield, S. S.			44									9	112	18
			Nutbush, S. S.	1	2	49		3							12	25	
			Milburnie and Mt. Airy, V.			7											
			Long's Mills, V.														
			Warrenton and Louisburg, V.														
Licentiate—1.																	
Alex. Kirkland,	Clayton, N. C.		Oakland. —40			11		1		2	1	4			3		
				217	45	2752	67	105	785	$255	$215	$550	$289	$279	$360	$14129	$607
SYNOD OF S. CAROLINA.																	
1. *Presb'y of Bethel.*																	
S. L. Watson, P.	Zeno,	S. C.	Bethel, P.	21	1	330	7	13	250		25	55	55	10	20	500	
J. H. Saye, S. S.	Lewisville,	"	Fishing Creek, S. S.	2	6	138	1	6	200		15	5	17	3	7	210	
W. Banks, P.	Hazelwood,	"	Catholic, P.	12		132	2	13	40		20	52	36		7	300	30
			Pleasant Grove, P.	11	1	200	1	12	53		10	15			7	367	20
J. R. Baird, W. C.	Yorkville,	"	Hopewell, V.	6		65	2	6									
			Cedar Shoal, S. S.	3	1	35							3		5	192	
L. W. Curtis, W. C.	Canaan Corners, N. Y.		Harmony, V.			56									5		

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W. W. Carothers, S. S.	Yorkville, S. C.	Allison's Creek, S. S.	5	4	74	1	1			9	8	10	3	7	250	
		Beth Shiloh, S. S.	49	3	143	20	11			5	5	6		3	220	
J. M. Anderson, Prof.	Davidson Col., N. C.	Union,	15	2	105	9	7					3			56	
J. E. White, P.	Chester, S. C.	Purity, P.	2	2	117		2			53	85	20		12	700	70
J. S. Bailey, S. S.	McConnellsville, S. C.	Bullock's Creek, S. S.			149		4				4	23		12		
		Salem, S. S.			51							6		3		
A. A. James, P.	Jonesville, "	Fairforest, P.	1		96		4	80		6	23	19		7	268	30
		Grindal Shoals, P.	1		15	1	1	20			5	8		5	190	6
T. W. Erwin, P.	Blackstocks, "	Concord, P.	22		140	15	5	25		10		17		7	250	21
		Mt. Olivet, P.	5	3	83	2	2			16		27		9	300	
D. Harrison, S. S.	Liberty Hill, "	Six Mile Creek, S. S.			55		1					22		3	420	
H. R. Dickson, S. S. & Prof.	Yorkville, "	Yorkville, S. S.	6		107	2	1			35	30	40	23	12	622	24
W. W. Ratchford, S. S.	Zeno, "	Beersheba, S. S.	10	3	183	6	2			13		10		7	114	
		Shiloh, S. S.	1		99		4			5		1		3	113	
J. N. Craig, P.	Lancasterville, "	Lancasterville, P.	2	1	59	1	3	60		5	6	10	12	7	450	
		Waxhaw, P.		2	42		2	12		19	17	13	8	3	450	
		Douglas, P.			37	1		10		7	6	5	3	5	400	
D. A. Todd, P.—16.	Union C. H. "	Cane Creek, P.	3		16							3		5		
		Unionville, S. S.			25			28				5		5		
	Guthriesville, "	Bethesda, S. S.	6	7	314		6	94		73	68	80	30	14	600	
	Ebenezerville, "	Ebenezer, S. S.	6	3	170	1	13	50				40		12	600	
Candidates—1.	Lowrysville, "	Zion, S. S.	5	1	72	1	3	30			9	4	9	7	259	
	Carmel Hill, "	Carmel Hill, V.			12									3	16	
		Hephzibah, V.			38											
	Santuc, "	Tabor, V.			15									3		
	Fort Mills, "	Unity, V.—33.	5	4	38		1							5	35	
			199	44	3211	73	123	952		$326	$393	$483	$101	$212	$7876	$201
2. *Presb'y of Charleston.*																
A. W. Leland, D. D.	Columbia, S. C.	Prof. Theo. Seminary.														
George Howe, D. D.	" "	" " "														
John Forrest, D. D., P.	Charleston, "	First Church.														
Thos. Smyth, D. D., P.	" "	Second Church.														
W. C. Dana, P.	" "	Central Church.	3	4	91		6		18					30	915	195
W. B. Yates,	" "	Seamen's Chaplain.														
J. L. Girardeau, D. D.	" "	Zion Church.	54	14	440	18	30	152	517	191	180	220	190	115	4570	

D. X. Lafar,	Charleston, S. C.	Teacher.													
I. S. K. Legare,	Orangeburg, "	Teacher.													
T. H. Legare,	" "	Teacher.													
A. F. Dickson, P.	" "	Orangeburg.	7	5	82		7	35	90	24	41		23	14	4
John R. Dow, P.	Charleston, "	John's Is. & Wadmalaw.													
Edward Palmer,	Walterboro, "	Walterboro.	20	1	145	17	16			5	40				
H. B. Cunningham, D. D.	Oakland, Md.														
F. P. Mullally,	Bolivar, Tenn.														
C. S. Vedder,	Charleston, S. C.	Huguenot Church.													
W. E. Boggs, P.	Columbia, "	First Church.	19	21	150	1	6	300	70	153	84	140	62	1500	800
Thos. H. Law,	Charleston, "	Evangelist.													
Wm. H. Adams,	" "	Circular Church.													
W. T. Farrow,	Greenwood, "	Ag't Am. S. S. Union.													
W. States Lee, —21	Edisto Island, S. C.	Edisto.													
		Barnwell.													
		Beech Island.			40		4								
		Aiken.			11		1			7				15	
		Stoney Creek.													
		Summerville.	10		65		1								
		Wiltown.			151		4	10						4	
Licentiate—1.		James Island. —14													
A. W. Gaston,	Columbia, S. C.														
Candidate—1.															
			113	45	1175	36	75	497	$695	$380	$315	$360	$275	$145	$7018	$999
3. *Presb'y of Harmony.*															
W. Brearley, P.	Darlington, S. C.	Darlington, P.	4		113	2	3			83	117	30	37	15	100	33
T. R. English, S. S.	Mayesville, "	Lynchburg, S. S.	5		40			20	5					7	300	
W. M. Reid, P.	" "	Mt. Zion, P.	52	3	176	27	6		161	56			35	7	793	50
J. L. Wilson, D. D.	" "	Sec. Sust. & F. Missions.														
P. Pierson, P.	Kingstree, "	Midway, P.	8		260	3	12	18			12	5		12	500	
D. McQueen, P.	Sumter, "	Sumter, P.	17	12	173	3	8			40	25	15		35	1000	
G. W. Boggs, W. C.	Columbia, "	Horeb, V.	3		30									7	50	
D. E. Frierson, P.	Mars Bluff, "	Hopewell, P.	27		104				43	32			20	12	1100	
S. H. Hay, P.	Camden, "	Camden, P.	1	1	84		1			80	30			18	1127	83
G. Morgan, W. C.	Sumter, "	Kingston, V.	1	2	23	1	5	14	25	10			28	14	262	
J. R. Gilland, P.	Kingstree, "	Indiantown, P.	20		82		2							16	278	
J. A. Cousar, P.	Little Rock, "	Reedy Creek, P.	2		90			40	18					15		
W. C. Sutton, W. C.	Shoe Heel, N. C.	Little Pee Dee, S. S.							19			12		7		
James Douglass, W. C.	Blackstocks, S. C.	Bennettsville, V.			31									3		

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J. G. Richards, P.	Liberty Hill, S. C.	Liberty Hill, P.		1	150		7	50	5	20		5	5	5	230	5
James McDowell, P.	Manning, "	Manning, P.	25	3	129	5	4	29	30	12			12		255	28
	" "	Brewington, P.	12		208	1	1	32	7	12			5		300	20
W. B. Corbett, P.	Cheraw, "	Cheraw, P.			59		6		64	26		40	4	12		26
J. C. Kennedy, S. S.	Ridgeway, "	Aimwell, S. S.	5		108	1	4		5	9	2		5	5	300	
R. Bradley, P.	Kingstree, "	White Oak, P.			50											
E. O. Frierson, S. S.	Gourdin's Station, "	Union, S. S.	2		32						4			6		
H. M. Brearley, P.	Shoe Heel, N. C.	Carolina, P.	36		140			32				11	12	15	430	
	" "	Red Bluff, P.	8		34	7	1	25							300	
W. A. Gregg, P.	Bishopville, S. C.	Bishopville, P.	3		70											
	" "	Hephzibah, P.	4		39		2		7	12				7	150	
J. B. Mack, P.	Mayesville, "	Salem (B. R.) P.	35	1	452	8	4	56	160	58		252	78	23	1600	165
D. C. Boggs, P.	Winnsboro, "	Lebanon, P.	3	2	80		4			28	20	47	10	7	550	38
D. McDuffie. P.	Little Rock, "	Pine Tree, P.	1		52					5				5	305	10
		Pisgah, P.														
W. H. Singletary, W. C.	Kingstree, "	Elon, S. S.			44		2									
J. L. Bartlett, W. C.	Sumter, "	Turkey Creek, S. S.			30									5	110	
J. D. A. Brown, P.	Florence, "	Elorence, P.	1		53		4		30			9		7	700	19
J. E. Dunlop, P.	Marion, "	Marion, P.	2		19									10	227	
G. R. Brackett, S. S.	Winnsboro, "	Scion, S. S.	21	10	79	9	7	110	12	12			6	12	1108	53
E. H. Buist, S. S.	Society Hill, "	Great Pee Dee, S. S.	1	1	24									2		5
W. S. Plumer, D. D., LL.D.	Columbia, "	Prof. Theo. Seminary.														
		Salem (L. R.) V.	31	6	201	20				46				12		
Licentiates—3.		Hermon, S. S.			3									2	60	5
R. E. Cooper,	Rock Hill, "	Williamsburg, S. S.			56											
S. E. Chandler,	Sumter, "	Beaver Creek, S. S.	2		42									2	200	
H. Strong.	Mayesville, "	Concord, S. S.—39.	10	3	211	3	4	22							663	
Candidates—7.																
			342	45	3571	90	87	448	$591	$541	$210	$426	$257	$305	$12998	$540
4. *Presb'y of S. Carolina.*																
D. Humphreys, P.	Rock Mills, S. C.	Good Hope, P.		2	165			50	20	10	4	5	5	8	200	
	" "	Roberts, P.	2	1	124	2	5	50	32	12	13	62	13	12	157	
J. L. Kennedy, P.	Equality, "	Carmel, P.	10	2	116	3	7	40	60	8			24	12	175	26
	Williamston, "	Williamston, S. S.		1	19				10					5		
W. Carlisle, (*superannu'd*)	Anderson C. H., S. C.															

J. B. Adger, D. D.	Columbia, S. C.	Prof. Theol. Seminary.																
E. T. Buist, D. D., P.	Greenville C. H., S. C.	Washington Street, P.	4	4	68		2	102	37	9	15			14	482	45		
S. Donnelly, S. S.	Greenwood, "	Broadaway, S. S.	2		40	1	1	90	34	8	7	11	9		150			
	Honea Path, "	Honea Path, S. S.	1		18		1		13	6		5	7		60			
	Newberry C. H., "	Smyrna, S. S.			45				20			14						
S. J. Price, Pres. F. C.	Laurens C. H., "	Friendship, S. S.		1	83			30	7	5		11	3	5	123			
D. McNeill Turner, D. D., P	Abbeville C. H., "	Upper Long Cane, P.	55	6	353	18	9	200	125	100	75	403	50	40	1700			
W. McWhorter, S. S.	Bachelor's Retreat, "	Nazareth, B. D., S. S.			46				4									
	" " "	Retreat, V.			37		5	20	2			2	5					
W. H. Davis, S. S.	Calhoun's Mills, "	Hopewell, S. S.			90				10									
	Willington, "	Willington, S. S.	2		104				28	5								
	Calhoun's Mills, "	Lodimont, V.			89													
J. F. Gibert, P.	Abbeville C. H., "	Lebanon, P.	4		90	1	2	25	18					15				
	" " "	Bethia, S. S.			15													
A. A. Porter, D. D., S. S.	Spartanburg C. H., S C	Spartanburg, S. S.	9	3	74	2	6	30	9	13	14		16		561			
	" " "	N. Pacolet, S. S.		2	23				31						76			
Z. L. Holmes, Prof.	Laurens C. H., "	Duncan's Creek, S. S.			25				16									
	" " "	Rocky Spring, S. S.	12		221	3	12	70	6			6		15	200			
	" " "	Little River, V.			102				76					4				
C. B. Stewart, S. S.	Fairview, "	Fairview, S. S.	2	2	314	1	5		43	15		15		12	200			
John McLees, P.	Greenwood, "	Rock, P.	13		163	8	8	60	70	15	20	27	15	30				
S. S. Gaillard, Evangelist,	Cuthbert, Ga.,	Bethany, S. S.	2		47	2	4		22			2			300			
	Laurens C. H., S. C.	Warrior's Creek, V.			25				5									
J. C. Williams, P.	Due West, "	Greenville, P.	7	1	278	2	10	155	40	13		29	25		575			
J. B. Hillhouse, S. S.	Anderson C. H., "	Mount Zion, S. S.			25				2						250			
	" " "	Midway, S. S.	2	1	63	2	2	30	7						200			
R. H. Reid, P.	Reidville, "	Nazareth, P.	4		228	1	12		42	9		10	11	25	35	37		
	" "	Mount Tabor, S. S.			54				2									
J. O. Lindsay, S. S.	Due West, "	Rocky River, S. S.			44				21					12	40			
	Lowndesville, "	Providence, S. S.	3		94				57			18		15				
A. A. Morse, Evangelist,	Greenwood, "	Pickens C. H., V.			35			20	14									
	Walhalla, "	Bethel, V.			40				4									
E. F. Hyde, S. S.	Reidville, "	New Harmony, S. S.	17	1	89	8	4	51	9	8		2		10	329			
	" "	Mount Calvary, S. S.			21				2					2				
	" "	Antioch, S. S.			20				7					5				
R. A. Mickle, P.	Newberry C. H., "	Aveleigh, P.	9	6	63	3	6			3	29	10	22		911			
W. P. Gready, S. S.	Walhalla, "	Richland, S. S.			45			18	8	8		3		3	70			
	" "	Tugalo, S. S.			26				5									
W. F. Pearson, P.	Storeville, "	Little Mountain, P.	4	1	96				7	37				8		10		
	" "	Varennes, P.		1	56		4		18				3	5	250	4		
J. R. Riley, Prof., P.	Laurens C. H., "	Laurens C. H., P.	4	6	112	4	5	60	64			71	20	18	578			

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J. S. Willbanks, P.	Cross Hill, S. C.	Liberty Spring, P.			190		5	184		12	7		7	22		
	Ninety-Six, "	Ninety-Six, P.			25										182	
Hugh McLees, S. S.	Pendleton, "	Hopewell, (Pend.,) S. S.			96			35	39	12	12	6		10	450	
W. P. Jacobs, P.	Clinton, "	Clinton, P.	42	3	255	7		87							442	22
	" "	Shady Grove, P.	5		40		3		11						200	
W. H. Stratton, P. —30	Anderson C. H., S. C.	Anderson C. H., P.	8	4	106	7	5	64	7		7	6	7			66
	Newberry C. H., "	Gilder's Creek, V.			14				15							
Licentiate—1.	" " "	Mount Bethel, S. S.			12				17		3			5		
J. M. Robinson,	Double Branches, S. C.	Bethesda, V. —53			20				13							
Candidates—6.																
			223	48	4643	75	123	1471	$1109	$281	$206	$718	$242	$312	$8996	$210
SYNOD OF TEXAS.																
1. *Presb'y of Brazos.*		Houston.														
Daniel McNair,	Galveston, Texas,	Galveston.														
W. C. Somerville,	Columbia, "	Columbia.														
H. P. Young,	Galveston, "	1st Ger. Pres. Ch.														
P. H. Fullinwider,	Huntsville, "	Bethel.														
J. W. Miller,	Gay Hill, "	Prospect.														
James Wilson,	Wheelock, "	Wheelock.														
M. C. Conolly,	Brenham, "	Brenham.														
R. H. Byers,	Waverly, "	Galatia.														
Joseph Boone,	Montgomery, "	Danville and M'tgomery.														
J. M. Cochran,	Huntsville, "	Huntsville.														
Samuel McKinney, D. D.	" "	Pres. Austin College.														
J. R. Hutchison, D. D.	Houston, "	Navasota.														
—12		Hempstead.														
		Chapel Hill.														
		Richmond.														
		Waverly.														
		Centreville.														
		Concord. —19														

2. *Presb'y of Cen. Texas.*																		
Hugh Wilson, D. D., S. S.	Lexington, Texas,	String Prairie, S. S.			40				100	20		10						
R. M. Loughridge, S. S.	LaGrange, "	LaGrange, S. S.	1	6	55		4			5	10	21	15	8				
	Round Top, "	Round Top, S. S.	3	4	21		1							7				
W. A. Smith, S. S.	Bastrop, "	Georgetown, S. S.	1		8									5				
		Pleasant Hill, S. S.			10		4											
M. Dickson,	Milford, "	Austin, V.			18													
W. M. King,	Waco, "	Belton, V.			10													
		Carolina, V.			12									10				
S. A. King, Evangelist,	Waco, "	Milford, S. S.		13	69			60		20	15		10	19	1600			
		Waco, S. S.			12									10	400			
A. J. Loughridge, D. M.	Alta Spring, "	North Bosque, V.			12									9				
Hilery Moseley, S. S.	Cotton Gin, "	Oak Island, S. S.		3	39		4								450			
	" " "	County Line, S. S.		1	24		8							10				
Levi Tenney, S. S.	Carolina, "	Blue Ridge, S. S.			23									12				
B. Y. George,	Columbia, Mo.																	
J. M. McChord, —11		Lancaster. —15			29													
			5	27	382		21	60	$100	$45	$25	$31	$25	$90	$2450			
3. *Pres. of Eastern Texas.*																		
P. W. Warriner, (*infirm,*)	Troup, Texas,	Canton, V.		1	10		3	30	5					5				
W. K. Marshall, D. D., S. S.	Henderson, "	Henderson, S. S.	2	4	35		6	40	10					20	250	40		
John Bell, T.	Greenville, "	Rusk, S. S.	4	2	31		4	40	5					20	150			
J. D. Sharp, T.	Kaufman, "	Larissa, S. S.			30			90	4					14	150			
J. Anderson, T.	Clarksville, "	Marshall, V.		1	27		1	30	6					13	400			
W. C. Dunlap, D. D., (*in tr.*)	New Orleans, La.	Golden Rule, S. S.			10													
A. Shotwell, S. S.	Ben Franklin, Texas,	San Augustine, V.																
James Knox, T.	Elysian Fields, "	Palestine, V.			25		2	25										
C. M. Shepperson, P. —9	Mt. Pleasant, "	Green Hill, P.			25									15	400			
		Hickory Hill, S. S.			10													
		Jefferson, V.	3	1	29		2	50						20	450			
		Gum Spring, V.			25													
		Mound Prairie, V.			10													
		Webster, V.			14													
		Paris, S. S.			15													
		Honey Grove, V.			19													
		Sulphur Spring, S. S.			13													
		Ben Franklin, S. S.			14													
		Dallas, V.			10													
		Long King, V. —20			8													
			9	9	360		18	305	$30					$107	$1800	$40		

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1. *Pres. of Western Texas.*																
Wm. C. Blair, (*infirm*)	Lavacca, Texas,															
Joel T. Case, (*infirm*)	Victoria, "															
J. M. Wilson, S. S.	Seguin, "	Seguin, S. S.	3		15	1	2		18					5	100	
		Cibolo, S. S.	1		16				12					5	50	
N. Chevalier, Evangelist,	Gonzales, "	Gonzales, V.	14	1	56	2	13							10	234	
		Belmont, V.		1	11		2							5	100	25
J. H. Zively, S. S.	Austin, "	San Marcos, S. S.		4	17				11					8		
J. F. Martin, S. S.	San Antonio, "	San Antonio, S. S.	10	10	71	6	8	90	6			2		10	3800	
J. M. Connelly, S. S.	Gonzales, "	Concrete, S. S.			10		1							1	101	
Geo. C. Moore.* —S.	Victoria, "	Victoria, V.	4	6	95	1	2				70		16	10	714	
	Lavacca, "	Lavacca, V.														
	Lockhart, "	Lockhart, V.			8											
	Brownsville, "	Brownsville, V.														
	Clinton, "	Live Oak, V.	1		40	1	2	35	10					7	375	
	Texana, "	Texana, V.														
	Columbus, "	Columbus, S. S.			18											
	Corpus Christi, "	Corpus Christi, V.														
		Cedar Creek, V.														
	Goliad, "	Goliad, V.														
	Indianola, "	Indianola, V.														
	Selma, "	Selma, V.			7											
	Helena, "	Helena, V.														
	Lockhart, "	Fair Summit, V.—21.			5											
			33	22	369	11	30	125	$57		$70	$2	$16	$61	$5474	$25
SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.																
1. *Presb'y of Abingdon.*																
B. Gildersleeve, W. C.	Tazewell C. H., Va.															
J. H. Wallace, W. C.	Bristol, Tenn.															
R. C. Graham, T.	Wytheville, Va.															
Thos. Brown, S. S.	Abingdon, "	Walnut Grove, S. S.	8	9	57		7	60	16					5	365	
Daniel B. Ewing, P.	Dublin Depot, "	Bell Spring, P.	2	2	30		1		10	5			5	10	300	
James McChain, P.	Abingdon, "	Sinking Spring, P.	1	2	111	1	8	100	90	5		15	15	30	700	
Lee C. Brown, S. S.	Hillsville, "	Hillsville, S. S.	15	5	25	7								5		
		Bethesda, S. S.			32		5							3		

James M. Humphreys, T.	Newbern, Va.	Pleasant Grove.													
Isaac N. Naff, P.	Dublin Depot, "	Draper's Valley, P.	2		51	2		57						250	
Jonathan Lyons, S. S.	Tazewell C. H., "	Jeffersonville, S. S.	2		28		2	30			15	13	10	301	
		Thompson's Valley, S. S.	5		39		2	30			11		20	230	
H. M. White, P.	Glade Spring, "	Glade Spring, P.	16		87	3	14	75	40		30		13	800	
		Sharon.			30										
B. T. Lacy, S. S.	St. Louis, Mo.	Cripple Creek.			15										
		Anchor and Hope.	1	1	7										
Charles W. Price.	Winchester, Ky.	South Fork.			10										
		Kimberlin.			9										
James M. Wharey, P.	Max Meadows, Va.	Cove, P.			17				30				13	5	265	50
		Chatham Hill.			19										
Wm. V. Wilson, S. S.	Marion, "	Royal Oak, S. S.		2	62		3	40	13						
A. L. Hogshead, P.	Abingdon, "	Rock Spring, P.	8	2	130	4	7	100	10					10	230	40
H. B. Rose, S. S.	" "	Beaver Creek, S. S.			115		6	75						10	50	
J. H. Martin, S. S.	Wytheville, "	Wytheville, S. S.	7	3	132		6		35	38				20	913	60
Robert Gray, P.	Dublin Depot, "	New Dublin, P.		1	62		2		36				12	20	260	
Henry Smith, S. S. —20	Abingdon, "	Green Spring, S. S. —23	2	1	75	4	8		7						300	
Candidate—1.																
			69	28	1143	21	71	450	$404	$48	$30	$41	$58	$161	$4964	$150
2. Presb'y of E. Hanover.																
A. Converse, D. D., Ed.	Richmond, Va.															
Jos. C. Stiles, Evangelist,	" "															
John S. Watt, W. C.																
T. Pryor, D. D., P.	San Marino, "	Brunswick.	17	13	78	6	6		15		15					
Wm. Brown, D. D., Ed.	Richmond, "															
John Leyburn, D. D., S. S.	Baltimore, Md.															
S. W. Blain, W. C.	Williamsburg, Va.															
T. V. Moore, D. D., P.	Richmond, "	1st Church.	15	14	376	6	18	380	210				111	40	5053	1450
M. D. Hoge, D. D., P.	" "	2d Church.	11	7	373	12	9	390	50		176		111	40	5572	66
C. H. Read, D. D., P.	" "	United Church.	5	10	343	1		235							2346	
G. D. Armstrong, D. D., P.	Norfolk, "	Norfolk.	9	7	230	2	18	225	242	80		450	26	30	2800	415
A. J. Leavenworth, W. C.	Petersburg, "															
John Miller, P.	" "	2d Church.	4	4	131	1	11	140	378				112		2576	800
Wm. A. Campbell, P.	Powhatan C. H., Va.	Powhatan.	4	1	88	4	2	25	70	22	15	21		10	364	35
James Murray, W. C.	Suffolk, "															
J. D. Thomas, P.	Bay View, "	Holmes and Makemie.	4	1	33	1	3			5	66				342	39
D. W. Shanks, P.	Amelia C. H., "	Amelia.	1		111		3	39	46	20					577	370

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P. B. Price, P.	Richmond, Va.	3d Church.	13	8	155	6	1	105		36	62	33		10	931	500
F. B. Converse, Editor.	" "															
M. D. Kalopothakes, F. M.	Athens, Greece.															
T. W. Gilmer, P.	Fredericksburg, Va.	Fredericksburg.	16	4	148	3	3	237	20	48	100	125	50	10	1240	
G. H. Denny, P.	Old Church, "	Pole Green and Salem.	11	1	115	4	1									
		Bethlehem.			29											
E. T. Baird, D. D.,	Richmond, "	Sec. Pub. and Educ'n.														
E. H. Rutherford, P.	Petersburg, "	Tabb Street Church.	23	8	263	2	27	425	125	144	125	350	166	40	5533	1100
D. C. Irwin, P.	Portsmouth, "	Portsmouth.			82		3	85		7	23	71		5	1306	
John W. Moseley, W. C.	Richmond, "															
T. B. Maury, W. C. —27	" "															
Licentiates—2.		Nottaway, V.			86											
S. Taylor Martin,		Sussex, V.			23											
Frank M. Woods.		Namozine, V.			34											
		Yellow Chapel.	10		37	3		60		4	6					
		Smithfield, V.			6											
		W'msb'g & York Riv., V.			8											
		Tappahannock, V.			8											
		Olivet. —24	3		32	1	2	15							30	
			146	48	2783	52	107	2361	$1156	$366	$582	$1050	$576	$185	$28670	$4775
3. *Presb'y of Greenbrier.*																
John McElhenny, D. D.	Lewisburg, W. Va.	Lewisburg, P.	5	3	325		10	150		17	31	33	30	30	1257	20
J. C. Barr,	" "	Lewisburg, P.														
S. R. Houston.	Union, "	Union, P.			79		3	40		2	2			10	230	
	Rocky Point, "	Mt. Pleasant, P.	1	3	277	1	15	140						15	280	
M. D. Dunlap.	Academy, "	Oak Grove, S. S.	8		48		5	40		4	18	26	2	11	250	
	Huntersville, "	Huntersville, S. S.			18											
James H. Leps,	Frankford, "	Frankford, S. S.	6	1	82	2	3	80		14	30	4	4	2	155	
	Falling Spring, W. Va.	Spring Creek, S. S.	1	1	31		2				6			8	70	
M. H. Bittenger,	Indian Creek, "	Centreville, S. S.	4	3	112		3	40		20	22	14	12	10	132	23
J. C. Brown,	Kanawha Salines, "	Kanawha Salines, S. S.	1	2	53		1	55			35				355	
R. R. Houston.	Union, "	Salem, S. S.	3		73	1	9	60							125	50
	Gap Mills, "	Carmel, S. S.	5		64	3	8	30			3			5	140	
James Haynes,	Palestine, "	Muddy Creek, S. S.	3	3	27	1		35		3	4	3	9	6	44	
	Grassy Meadows, "	McElhenny, S. S.	9		33	5	7	15		2	3	2	2	5	170	

	Mountain Cove,	W.Va.	Fayette, S. S.	5	1	60	1	18	56		2	11	2	2	1	100		
B. B. Blair, —10	Point Pleasant,	"	Point Pleasant, P.															
	Buffalo,	"	Buffalo, S. S.	5	4	39		2				27			10	439	19	
	Green Bank,	"	Liberty, V.			33												
	Dunmore,	"	Baxter, V.			11						5				37		
	Summerville,	"	Summerville, V.			50												
	Anthony's Cr'k,	"	Anthony's Creek, V.						60		2	2	1	1		60		
	Kanawha C. H.,	"	Kanawha, V.															
Candidates—2.	Guyandotte,	"	Western, S. S. —23															
				56	21	1475	14	86	801		$66	$199	$85	$62	$113	$3844	$112	
4. *Presb'y of Lexington.*																		
Jas. Morrison, (*aged & inf.*)	Brownsburg,	Va.																
F. McFarland, D. D., P.	Mint Spring,	"	Bethel, P.	3	3	158	1	8	30	49	22	56		40	22	1270		
F. Bowman, D. D., (*infirm*)	Mount Sidney,	"																
W. G. Campbell, W. C.	"	"																
W. S. White, D. D., (*infirm*)	Lexington,	"	Lexington, V.	19	12	255	6	9	200			205	65	59	37	5840		
J. S. Blain, S. S.	Deerfield,	"	Rocky Spring, S. S.	4		67	1	1	45	12					14	220	5	
R. Lewis, W. C.	Holcomb's Rock,	"																
N. W. Calhoon, D. M.	Upper Track,	"																
Henry Brown, W. C.	Brownsburg,	"																
S. Brown, P.	Kerr's Creek,	"	New Monmouth, P.	12	12	172	3	8	100	16	16		7	26	12	700	25	
J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D.	Lexington,	"	Prof. Washington Col.															
E. Thomas, (*infirm*)	Craigsville,	"																
T. D. Bell, P.	Harrisonburg,	"	Cook's Creek, P.	10	3	134	5	5	50			52			10	600		
W. T. Richardson, P.	Waynesboro,	"	Waynesboro, P.		5	85		4	90	20	15	10				450	75	
W. Pinkerton, P.	Steel's Tavern,	"	Mt. Carmel, P.	7	5	111	3	8	200	21	16		7	5	12	836		
W. H. Ruffner, (*infirm*)	Lexington,	"																
John Pinkerton, P.	Mt. Solon,	"	Mossy Creek, P.	5	2	136	1	10	100	94	18		29	10	19	764		
P. M. Custer, Teacher.	Harrisonburg,	"																
J. A. Scott, Prin. F. Ac'y,	Lexington,	"	Old Oxford, S. S.			65												
R. S. Reese, S. S.	"	"	Bensalem, S. S.	1		21	1	1	25	8	8	8	8	8		300	7	
P. Fletcher, P.	Churchville,	"	Loch Willow, P.	2	7	44		2	40						8	320		
R. Scott, S. S.	Beverly, West	Va.	Tygart's Valley, S. S.	13	4	67	4	2	60							440		
R. J. Taylor, S. S.	Cedar Grove,	Va.	Timberridge, S. S.	6	2	99	3	5	100		10			8	11	27	7	
	"	"	Bethesda, S. S.	3	2	87	2		90		10	7		6	12	409	11	
W. E. Baker, P.	Staunton,	"	Staunton, P.	5	20	220	4	19	150	55	35	100	30	137	28	3685	105	
E. D. Junkin, P.	Brownsburg,	"	New Providence, P.	58	5	388	31	20	150	88	74	151	62	67	28	1543	30	
C. S. M. See, P.	Fishersville,	"	Tinkling Spring, P.	4	3	153	1	9	80	30	119	83	26	44	28	682		
R. C. Walker, P.	Parnassus,	"	Union, P.		2	90		2	83		12	60		9	15	575		

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J. R. Bowman, P.	Harrisonburg, Va.	Harrisonburg, P.		14	90			100		10	31			10	333	97
F. H. Bowman, P.	Mt. Sidney, "	Augusta, P.	3	3	92			42	32	32	25	23	26	21		33
W. T. Price, S. S.	Monterey, "	Central Union, S. S.	3	2	27		1	26							60	12
	" "	Pisgah, S. S.	12		32			18						6	81	
R. P. Kennedy, S. S.	Goshen Bridge, "	Lebanon, S. S.	6	2	77	3	4	100		19	12			12	325	11
T. L. Preston, P.	Swoope's Depot, "	Hebron, P.	7	2	109	1		50	40					25	771	50
H. H. Hawes, P.	Mt. Meridian, Va.	Mt. Horeb, P.	5		52											
W. W. Houston, P. —34	Warm Springs, "	Warm Springs, P.	1	2	43										450	
	Willow Springs, "	Windy Cove, P.	1	1	79		1								300	
Licentiates—2.	Middlebrook, "	Shemariah, S. S.			47											
J. H Gilmore, S. S.	Fairfield, "	Fairfield, S. S.	6	2	70	2	5	30	8	8				11	400	
D. Blain, P. E.	Collierstown, "	Collierstown, P. E.	1	1	102	1	4	138		5	6	7		11	621	60
	Franklin, "	Pendleton, V.			15											
Candidates—2.	New Hampden, "	Goshen, V.			23											
	Kerr's Creek, "	Kerr's Creek, V.			20											
	Mingo Flats, W. Va.	Mingo Flats, S. S.	25		39	5		67	7						63	
	Williamsville, Va.	New Bethany, V.			30											
		Massanutton, V.			20											
	Buckhannon, W. Va.	Buckhannon, V.			24											
	French Creek, " "	French Creek, V.			167											
	New Bethel, " "	New Bethel, V.			17											
		West Fork, V.			8											
	Clarkesburg, " "	Clarkesburg, V.			65											
	Glenville, " " —42	Glenville, V.			8											
			222	116	3608	78	128	2164	$480	$429	$806	$264	$435	$352	$22065	$528
5. *Presb'y of Montgomery.*																
J. D. Ewing, W. C.	Fancy Hill, Va.															
U. Powers, W. C.	Big Lick, "															
A. Hart, P.	Pattonsburg, "	Buchanan, P.	1	2	47		4		14	14				6	221	
	" "	High Bridge, P.			100		1		10	6	16		11	6	210	
J. B. Ramsey, D. D., P.	Lynchburg, "	1st Church, P.	3	3	120		11	160		175	178	673	250	25	2188	34
J. D. Mitchell, D. D., P.	" "	2d Church, P.	2	2	104		2	141		35	25		17	23	2081	116
S. D. Stuart, W. C.	Staunton, "															
J. S. Shepperson, P.	New London, "	Pisgah & New London, P.	1	2	89		3		15					10	616	
J. H. Bocock, D. D., P.	Fincastle, "	Fincastle, P.	7	2	77	2		30						18		

W. H. Crawford, S. S.	New Castle,	Va.	New Castle, S. S.	4	6	29	2	3	50									
P. T. Penick, P.	Liberty,	"	Peaks, P.	2	2	113	1	3	335	9	21	6	27	22	12	626		
J. M. Rice, P.	Covington,	"	Covington, P.	12	1	159	1	15	70	10	7		4	6	10	1325		
W. F. Junkin, P.	Fancy Hill,	"	Falling Spring, P.	8	2	195		5	170		29	32	25	19	20	1060		120
C. A. Miller, P.	Christiansburg,	"																
	Shawesville,	"	White House, P.	2		14	2	5		3	2	2	2	2	10	123		
T. W. Hooper, P.	Christiansburg,	"	Christiansburg, P.	12	4	202	2	8	86	40	30	35	75	30	20	1687		264
L. H. Blanton, P.	Salem,	"	Salem, P.	9	7	165	2	4	170	27	10	27	10	58	18	3000		26
A. W. Pitzer, P.	Liberty,	"	Liberty, P.	4	7	65		8	40	10	5	20	10	4	10	1200		
H. P. Smith, W. C.	Gogginsville,	"	Piedmont, V.	2		32	1			13					7			
J. P. Smith, P.	Big Lick,	"	Big Lick, P.		3	37		1	40	8	10	30		7	5	480		18
	Amsterdam,	"	Mountain Union, S. S.	2	7	83			45						12	180		
Wm. F. Wilhelm, P.—19.	Blacksburg,	"	Blacksburg, P.			66												
	Salt Petre Cave,	"	Mt. Carmel, V.			40				4					5	68		
	Dagger's Springs,	"	Locust Bottom, V.			50												
	Giles C. H.,	"	Pearisburg, S. S.			14												
	Floyd C. H.,	"	Jacksonville, S. S.	1		16	1								10	59		
	Mercer C. H.,	"	Princeton, V.			11												
	Fincastle,	"	Craig's Creek, V.			35												
	Pattonsburg,	"	Mountain Vale, V.															
	Glenwood,	"	Glenwood, V. —26			5												
Licentiates—4.																		
G. T. Lyle, S. S.	Jacksonville,	"																
H. T. Darnall, S. S.	Giles C. H.,	"																
E. H. Barnett, Asst.	Lynchburg,	"																
B. Farnham,	Liberty,	"																
Candidates—1.																		
				72	50	1859	14	73	1337	$163	$344	$371	$826	$426	$227	$15121		$580
6. Presb'y of Patapsco.																		
J. J. Bullock, D. D., P.	Baltimore, Md.		Franklin Street,	30	63	430	2	20	300			3500	5000			10000		3600
Sam'l. B. Jones, D.D., W. C.	Bridgeton, N. J.																	
J. A. Lefevre, P.	Baltimore, Md.		Franklin Square,	23	19	116	5	5	130			188				4650		450
John B. Ross, S. S.	Bladensburg, Md.		Oak Grove & Bladensb'g.															
John Squier, W. C.	Port Deposite, Md.																	
John W. Brown.—6	Timber Grove, Md.		Evangelist.															
Licentiate—1.																		
John McKelway,	Bel Air, Md.																	
			West River, V. —1															
				53	89	576	7	25	430			$3988	$5000			$14650		$4050

MINISTERS, Etc.	POST OFFICES.	CHURCHES.	Com. on ex.	Com. on cer.	Total Com.	Adults Bap.	Infants Bap.	Ch. in S. S. & B. C.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Miss'ns.	Sustentation.	Education.	Publication.	Com'ys & Con. Fund.	Congregational.	Miscellaneous
7. *Pres. of Rappahannock.*																
James T. Leftwich, P.	Alexandria, Va.	2d Church, P.	94	19	206	2	8	350				200			3500	550
A. D. Pollock, S. S.	Warrenton, "	Middleburg, S. S.			19				50						300	
John W. Pugh, P.	" "	Warrenton, P.	4	2	55	1	5	50						10	380	1450
Thomas B. Balch, W. C.	Nokesville, "	Salem, S. S.			9						20	14			139	
A. M. Hershey, D. M.	" "	Greenwich, S. S.			34											
Robert S. Bell, W. C.	Washington, "	Washington, V.			15											
Edward H. Cumpston, P.	Darey's Store, Md.	Rockville & Bethesda, P.	3	3	177		2				160				866	600
Robert L. McMurran, S. S.	Culpeper C. H., Va.	Bethesda, S. S.	3	2	26						10			10	400	500
Jonah W. Lupton, P.	Leesburg, Va.	Leesburg & Catoctin, P.	1	4	58		3		39	44				10	810	
C. H. Nourse, W. C.	Washington, D. C.	The Grove, V.			55											
T. S. Witherow, W. C.		Litchfield, V.			10											
—11		Lovettsville, V.			23										40	402
Licentiate—1.		Poolesville, V.			12											
Wm. O. Robey, colored,	Leesburg, Va.	Rapidan, S. S. —14			19											
			20	30	718	3	18	400	$89	$44	$190	$214		$30	$6435	$3502
8. *Presb'y of Roanoke.*																
Sam'l B. Wilson, D.D.	Hampden Sidney, Va.	Prof. U. T. Seminary,														
Thos. E. Peek, D. D.	" " "	" " " "														
Isaac Cochran, P.	Darlington Heights,"	Buffalo, P.	12	3	68	2	4		10	12				15	900	
Thomas Wharey, P.	Keysville, "	Briery, P.	2	1	113					20	40	10	8	15	291	
H. C. Alexander, P.	Charlotte C. H., "	Village, P.	2	1	188	1	2		20	33	55	33	17	25	1203	22
Alex. Martin, P.	Aspenwall, "	Roanoke, P.	1	7	108				16	16	16	16	16	20	350	12
Hugh A. Brown, P.	Mossingford, "	Bethesda, P.	9		100	3	3		18	8	13	16	11		525	11
Wm. H. Matthews, P.	Pittsylvania C. H., "	Pittsylvania C. H., P.			80		1		22					12	392	
J. H. Davis, P.	Charlotte C. H., "	Bethlehem, P.	10	1	54	5	1		4	5	7	8	8	6	187	
		Concord, P.	6	2	72		2		4	4	1	3	7	12	225	5
T. W. White, P.	Macfarland's, "	Lunenburg, P.			46											
B. W. Moseley, P.	Oakley, "	Blue Stone, P.	4		67		1		25	40	25			12	500	
		Wylliesburg, P.			17				12	12				10	120	
T. M. Niven, P.	News Ferry, "	Mercy Seat, P.			41		1		17		11				584	28
J. M. Kirkpatrick, P.	Danville, "	Danville, P.	2	3	125	2	6							50	1000	300
F. N. Whaley, P.	Clarksville. "	Clarksville, P.	2		98	2			9	70			10	15	450	75
R. C. Anderson, S. S.	Henry C. H., "	Henry, S. S.	1		15	1			14					2	100	
J. B. Shearer, S. S.	Black Walnut, "	Spring Hill, S. S.	11	1	68	3			26	15			21	17	500	

M. L. Lacy, S. S.	Charlotte C. H., Va.	Cub Creek, S. S.	1		38			6					10	500			
		Rough Creek, S. S.	6		50					6					180		
A. B. Carrington, S. S.	Aspenwall, "	Providence, S. S.		1	15		1	13		7	2	5	3		2		
		Hat Creek, S. S.															
	Boydton, "	Boydton, S. S.			11		2							100			
	News Ferry, "	Mt. Carmel, S. S.			15												
M. W. Jackson, W. C.	Rough Creek, "																
C. R. Vaughn, W. C.	Coles Ferry, "																
R. N. Anderson, W. C.	Ca Ira, "																
J. H. Bocock, D.D. (*in tra.*)	Fincastle, "																
G. W. Leyburn, " —23	Appomattox C. H., "																
Licentiate—1.																	
J. W. Walkup,	Spout Spring, "	Old Concord, S. S.	1		70		14							155			
		New Concord, S. S.	3	2	75		7	5	5	3			5	150			
	Halifax C. H., "	Halifax C. H., V.	2	2	60	1			6	6			10				
	Castle Craig, "	Castle Craig, V.															
	Campbell C. H., "	Diamond Hill, V.			18												
	Co. Line X R'ds, Ch'te.	Douglass, V.															
	Leesville, Va.	Leesville, V.															
	Yatesville, "	Mcherrin, V.															
		Morris, V.															
		Penuel, V.															
Candidates—2.	Patrick C. H., Va.	Patrick C. H., V. —33															
9. *Pres. of West Hanover.*			75	24	1512	20	46	$221	$246	$190	$88	$103	$239	$8232	$635		
J. S. Armistead, D.D., (*infm*)	Farmville, Va.																
W. H. McGuffey, D.D. LL.D.	University of Va.	Prof. University of Va.															
P. Harrison, W. C.	Baltimore, Md.																
B. M. Smith, D. D., P.	Hampden Sidney Col.	College Church, P.	8	9	135		2	25				8	50	409			
R. L. Dabney, D. D., P.	" " "	" " P.															
W. S. Thompson, P.	New Canton, Va.	Trinity, P.			50			26	14		14	13	15	425			
J. H. Fitzgerald, S. S.	Scottsville, "	Maysville, S. S.	2		77	1	4	19	7			6	15	376			
		Scottsville, S. S.	2	4	54		4	21					16	500			
S. W. Watkins, D. M.	Farmville, "																
J. M. P. Atkinson, D. D.	Hampden Sidney Col.,	Pres. H. S. College,															
B. M. Wailes, P.	Nelly's Ford, Va.	Rockfish, P.											6				
		Cove, P.	2	3	40		8	32	8				6	389			

MINISTERS, Etc.	POST OFFICES.	CHURCHES.	Com. on ex.	Com. on cer.	Total Com.	Adults Bap.	Infants Bap.	Ch. in S.S.B.C.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Miss'ns.	Sustentation.	Education.	Publication.	Com'rs & Cont'd Fund.	Congregational.	Miscellaneous
J. D. Dudley, P. (*in trans.*)	Ford's Depot, Va.	Byrd, P.			29									16	149	
		Hebron, P.	1		13	1	1		10	5		54	6	8	300	
Chas. Beach, S. S.	Gordonsville, Va.	South Plains, S. S.	7	3	45	4	2		10				20	7	613	
R. McIlwaine, P.	Farmville, "	Farmville, P.	11	13	107	5	7		66	16		9	31	15	1587	
E. Woods, P.	Charlottesville, "	Charlottesville, P.	4	14	125	1	10		114				95	45	1397	
W. Dinwiddie, P.	Greenwood Depot, "	Lebanon, P.	5	2	45	1			11				11	6	233	
H. P. R. McCoy, P.	Thompson's X R'ds, "	Providence, P.														
Isaac W. K. Handy, D.D, P	Orange C. H., "	Orange, P.	10	14	54	7	12		25					8	1866	
	Farmville, "	Cumberland, V.														
	Walker's Church, "	Walker's, S. S.														
	Appomattox C. H., "	Union, S. S.														
	Madison C. H., "	Madison, V.														
	New Store, "	New Store, S. S.	7	2	33	1	6		10							
J. K. Harris, —17	Amherst C. H., "	Amherst, S. S.	12	3	40		3		17				25		408	
	Palmyra, "	Rivanna, V.														
	Cumberland C. H., "	Willis's, V.														
Licentiates—7.	New Store, "	Appomattox, S. S. —23			13		2									
C. J. Armistead,	Farmville, "															
G. H. Gilmer, (*in transitu.*)	Pittsylvania C. H., "															
P. P. Flournoy,	Darnestown, Md.															
W. C. Brooks,	Louisville, Ky.															
W. L. Bailey,	Nelly's Ford, Va.															
J. K. Hitner,	New Store, "															
Wm. U. Markland,	Hampden Sidney, "															
			71	67	860	21	62		$386	$80		$77	$215	$213	$8652	
10. *Pres. of Winchester.*																
Wm. H. Foote, D. D., P.	Romney, W. Va.	Romney, P.	3		110	2	4	100		16	58			15	576	
		Springfield, P.	1		40		1	25							500	
Jas. G. Hamner, D. D., W. C.	Baltimore, Md.															
Silas Billings, S. S.	Duffield's Depot, W. Va	Elk Branch, S. S.	5	4	90		4				30			10	100	50
W. B. Dutton, D. D., W. C.	Lebanon, Conn.															
Moses Raymond, P.	Green Sp'g Dep't, W Va	Mt. Bethel, P.	3		30		1	40		2	10	5		5	30	
Lewis F. Wilson, P.	Hedgesville, "	Falling Water, P.	3	1	103		6			5	30		2	15	900	20
		Tuscarora, S. S.	3		28						20			6	200	10
Robert T. Berry, S. S.	Front Royal, Va.	Front Royal, S. S.	3		45	2	2	25			10		6	8	600	

James R. Graham, P.	Winchester, Va.	Kent Street, P.	4	23	134	1		125		24	69	3	2	15	1200	50
	Martinsburg, W. Va.	Martinsburg, P.	2	6	86		5	65						10	2000	50
Charles White, P.	Berryville, Va.	Berryville, P.	1		35		1	20		14	10		5	12	780	
M. W. Woodworth, S. S.	Burlington, W. Va.	Eusebia, S. S.	7	7	45	1	3	25			65			8	751	58
Wm. A. Crawford, S. S.	Winchester, Va.	Opequon, S. S.			20		2	20		6	15		10	15	300	80
John Johnston, P. E.	Luney's Creek, W. Va.	Mt. Zion, P. E.	40		100	7	10	35			50			10	302	
John M. Clymer, P.	Woodstock, Va.	Woodstock, P.	5		91			30			11		5	10	980	
		Strasburg.			38			20			5		3	5	150	
		Cedar Creek.	2	1	14			8						5	30	
E. W. Bedinger, P. E.	Shepherdstown, W. Va.	Shepherdstown, P. E.	1	8	102		4	50		45				10	700	
	Gerrardstown, "	Gerrardstown, V.			123			60			50			10		
Nathanael G. North, W. C.	Charlestown, Va.	Smithfield, V.	11		25						3			2	30	
Edward Martin, S. S.	New Creek, W. Va.	Mt. Hope, S. S.			8										350	
		Piedmont, S. S.	4		14	1	2								400	
George Wm. White, P.	Moorefield, "	Moorefield, P.	9	4	144		6	75			75	18		20	1541	
A. C. Hopkins, P. —18	Charlestown, Va.	Charlestown, P.	11	11	184	5	6	144		38	91		77	20	2807	
	Harper's Ferry, Va.	Harper's Ferry, V.			20						2					
Licentiates—6.		Back Creek, V.			20											
John M. Harris,	Romney, W. Va.	North River, V.			20			25			9					
Wm. Johnston,	Berryville, Va.	Bunker Hill, V.			10											
C. Newton Campbell,	Charlestown, Va.	Concord, V.			5											
George L. Leyburn, P. E.	Winchester, "	Loudoun Street, P.	19		130	8	16	130		40	100	40	10	20	1665	50
Henrie Hardie,	Raleigh, N. C.	Bloomery, V.	1		21	1					18			4		
Wm. Warden,	Culpeper C. H., Va.	Winston, V.			5											
		White Post, S. S. —32			10		4							5	60	
			138	65	1852	28	71	1022		$190	$734	$66	$150	$210	$17252	$368

*Deceased.

GENERAL VIEW OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURING THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER, 1867.

Synods in connection with the General Assembly,	10
Presbyteries,	48
Ministers and Licentiates,	850
Churches,	1,309
Candidates for ministry, (reported,)	68
Members added on examination,	5,977
Members added on certificate,	2,432
Total number of communicants,	80,532
Adults baptized,	1,677
Infants baptized,	3,449
Children in Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes,	39,473
Amount contributed to Sustentation,	$24,832
Amount contributed to Foreign Missions,	9,612
Amount contributed to Publication,	11,402
Amount contributed to Education,	10,823
Amount contributed for Congregational purposes,	452,463
Amount contributed for Miscellaneous purposes,	41,899
Amount contributed for Presbyterial purposes,	5,212
Whole amount contributed,	576,243

NOTE.—The statistics reported with reference to the number of churches organised or dissolved, to ministers received from or dismissed to other denominations, to ordinations, installations, etc., are altogether too meagre to justify the Stated Clerk in taking any notice of them in the above general view. With regard to the other statistics, given above, some of them are pretty fully reported; but every deficiency has been supplied by a careful calculation, founded upon previous reports from Presbyteries and other sources.

The following ministers have died during the year, according to the Presbyterial reports; although there are doubtless others whose names ought to be added, but which have not been reported by Stated Clerks of Presbyteries:

NAMES.	PRESBYTERIES.
Jesse L. Frary,	Winchester.
James E. Hughes,	"
John W. McMurran,	Rappahannock.
R. L. Douglass,	Bethel.
R. Y. Russell,	"
J. A. Davies,	"
Alexander Wilson, D. D.,	Orange.
Edson Hart,	New Orleans.
John W. Reid,	Augusta.
James Gamble,	Cherokee.
J. F. Lanneau,	"
Pliny Fiske,	Indian.

JOSEPH R. WILSON,
Stated Clerk of the Assembly.

MODERATORS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

FROM 1861 TO 1867.

1861. Rev. B. M. Palmer, D. D.
1862. Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D.
1863. Rev. James A. Lyon, D. D.
1864. Rev. John S. Wilson, D. D.
1865. Rev. George Howe, D. D.
1866. Rev. A. H. Kerr, D. D.
1867. Rev. T. V. Moore, D. D.

STATED CLERKS FROM 1861 TO 1867.

1861. Rev. John N. Waddel, D. D.
1865. Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D.

PERMANENT CLERKS FROM 1861 TO 1867.

1861. Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D.
1865. Rev. William Brown, D. D.

STATED CLERKS OF PRESBYTERIES

ARE EARNESTLY REQUESTED

1. To make their Annual Reports to the Assembly. If they have no printed blanks, let the reports be made after the form on the page opposite. Blanks can always be obtained on application to the Executive Committee of Publication.

2. To make their Reports in fair, distinct writing, especially the columns of figures.

3. To make them as accurate and full as possible. If, in any instance, churches do not report to Presbyteries, it is desirable that their number of communicants should be inserted from their last report.

4. To report *no cents* in the money columns.

5. To *add up* each column of figures with care. Many still neglect this, and thus oblige the Clerk of the Assembly to do what they should do themselves.

6. To append to the statistics of Presbyteries a brief account of the changes which have occurred during the year, such as the *number* of licensures, ordinations, installations, dismissions of pastors, organisation of new churches, and the names of ministers deceased.

7. To transmit their reports to the Stated Clerk, either at the meeting of the Assembly, or at Augusta, Ga., *not later than the 20th day of May.*

☞ Blank forms for *Sessional Reports*, or for any other purpose, are not furnished by the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, but are kept *for sale* by the Executive Committee of Publication, by order of the Assembly of 1867.

TO THE STATED CLERKS OF SYNODS.

It is the duty of these officers to send up to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly an Annual Report, stating the number of Presbyteries, Ministers, Churches, Licentiates, and Candidates, within their bounds; and particularly all changes which have been made in the arrangement of Presbyteries. It is also their duty to transmit to the Stated Clerk of the Assembly a notice of the time and place of meetings of their respective Synods. Should these duties be faithfully performed, it will hereafter be possible to publish in the Minutes a "General View of Synods," which it is highly important to preserve from year to year as a part of the history of the Church.

FORM OF PRESBYTERIAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The Presbytery of _____ report to the General Assembly that they consist of _____ Ministers, and have under their care _____ Churches, Licentiates, and Candidates, viz.:

MINISTERS, LICENTIATES, AND CANDIDATES.	POST OFFICES.	CHURCHES.	Communicants			Baptized.		No. of Children in Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes.	Funds Collected.						
			Added on Examination.	Added on Certificate.	Total of Communicants.	Adults.	Infants.		Sustentation.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Publication.	Presbyterial.	Congregational.	Miscellaneous.
A—— B——, P. &c.		C——, P.													
10. *Licentiates*—3. D—— ——E, &c. *Candidates*—5.															
		☞Add up, *omitting cents.*													

☞*Follow the above with a statement of licensures, ordinations, installations, pastoral relations dissolved, churches organised or dissolved, or received or dismissed to other denominations, and ministers received or dismissed to other denominations, or removed by death, since last Report.*

Dated, _____ Signed, —— ——, *Stated Clerk.*

Give the *names* of licentiates, but only the *number* of candidates, without name. It is earnestly requested that the above order of columns may be strictly followed, and that the columns may all be carefully added up. To ministers who are pastors, annex *P.;* to stated supplies, *S. S.;* to Domestic Missionaries, *D. M.;* to Foreign Missionaries, *F. M.;* to Presidents of Colleges, *Pres.:* to Professors in Colleges or Theological Seminaries, *Prof.;* to Agents, *Ag.* To congregations which have pastors, annex *P.;* to those which have stated supplies, *S. S.;* and to those which are vacant, *V.*

ALPHABETICAL LIST

OF

MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES

EMBRACED IN THE PRECEDING STATISTICAL TABLES.

NOTE.—The Post office addresses in this list, in some cases, differ from those given in the Tables, the list having been prepared to correspond with recent changes. The figures denote the page of the tables on which the name may be found.

Adams, Wm. H., Charleston, S. C., 227.
Adger, D. D., J. B., Columbia, S. C., 229.
Alexander, Henry C., Charlotte C. H., Va., 238.
Alexander, James C., Greensboro', N. C., 225.
Alexander, J. H., Kosciusko, Miss., 213.
Alexander, J. H., Quitman, Ga., 209.
Alexander, S. C., Black River Chapel, N. C., 223.
Anderson, E., Summerfield, Ala., 201.
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